



# PSTB News

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## A Message from Our President

by Kathy Detrano

I am honored and privileged to be nominated by Jimmy Wright, president of the Pastel Society of America, to assume a seat on the Board of Governors of the Pastel Society of America, for a three year term beginning in January 2016. It is not something that I sought to do. It happened quickly and with encouragement from other PSA Board members. Assuming that I will find my way to contribute productively to PSA, I accepted the nomination.

The PSA Board position, however, comes with ramifications for PSTB. According to PSA by-laws, as a sitting governor on the PSA board I cannot be a member of any other pastel society board. So it is with deep reluctance that I tender my resignation from the Board of the Pastel Society of Tampa Bay, effective December 31, 2015.

Let me add, however, that part of my deliberations included my determination to ensure two things for PSTB: first, to find a strong leader who would be willing to hold the office of President for the remainder of my term (through December 2016) and second, to find a way for me to continue my contribution to PSTB and to the new President. As a result, and according to the by-laws of PSTB which require its Board to fill vacated positions until the next regular election cycle occurs, I hereby nominate Lorraine Potocki for the position of President of PSTB, to fill out the term that I am vacating. I owe Lorraine a deep debt of gratitude for her willingness to accept the position. I know that she will bring her management, artistic and personal networking skills with her and be a wonderful leader of PSTB.

To meet my second goal, I have offered to Lorraine to officially chair a new PSTB standing committee on Communications. She has accepted my offer. This committee, reporting to the President and the Board, will oversee PSTB email, web site, newsletter, and Facebook page, in addition to being a communications channel with PSA and IAPS. These communications responsibilities have grown as PSTB has grown, with Christine Eckerfield and others offering to head up the new newsletter effort and with Lynn Kopala volunteering to assist with website content. And even without the urgency of the situation it is probably time for PSTB to have someone dedicated to keeping an overall hand on communications. In that sense, PSTB stands to profit from the move.

So in closing, I will do whatever I can to ensure the smooth transition for the PSTB Board and the continued growing momentum of exciting PSTB events yet to come.

Respectfully submitted,

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