Five Years of Support for Environmental Education In Kansas!

Since 2013, the Kansas Chapter has been actively supporting teachers throughout the state who are educating students about the environment and climate change.

The Sierra Club Environmental Grants for Kansas Primary and Secondary Educators was the first program of its kind in the national Sierra Club. These grants provide classroom equipment, art supplies, building materials, travel support, and much more for teachers addressing climate change and exploring solutions to the immense challenges it poses.

Once again this year, the Chapter awarded a total of $5,000 to five teachers from across the state to work on projects that included building a greenhouse and composting center, tracking the life cycle of recycled products, and rethinking food sources through mindful eating. Projects like these help students understand the fragile ecosystems that support life on our planet and the impact of human activity on these life cycles.

In the five years since this program began, the Kansas Chapter has awarded nearly $25,000 to energetic and deserving Kansas teachers. This program is only possible thanks to generous support from our Kansas Chapter members.

Robert F. Sommer
Education Grants Chair
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This year the Kansas Chapter initiated an exciting new digital communications strategy, including plans for an updated website, better coordinated social media, digital newsletters, e-mailed meeting/outings reminders, and call-to-action alerts. Going digital keeps our members up-to-date, conserves energy and resources, and just makes financial sense.

Last spring, we began e-mailing a monthly electronic newsletter, *Planet Kansas Update*, but this year’s ExCom election material is still being delivered in hard copy with this first annual issue of *Kansas Sierra Club Compass*.

Also, please welcome our new communications coordinator, Erin DeGroot from Wichita!

In order to receive the Kansas Chapter’s electronic communications directly:

Sign up at [http://kansas.sierraclub.org/signup](http://kansas.sierraclub.org/signup) (or see right panel).

You will also be able to view and print the newsletter and related articles at the News tab on our website, [Kansas.SierraClub.org](http://kansas.sierraclub.org).

The Calendar tab includes details on statewide events and outings. We look forward to expanding our communications in 2018.

Contact me if you have any questions:

*Janet Lhuillier,*
*Communications Chair*
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COMBATING TRUMP FATIGUE SYNDROME

Almost a year now into the Trump administration, many of our fellow citizens are experiencing “Trump Fatigue Syndrome,” the result of a 24-hour news cycle obsessed with “everything Trump.” Of course, news outlets need to report on The Donald’s latest shenanigans, but the task also crowds out other important stories. This, of course, plays into Trump’s strategy of either convincing people (mostly his base) that the news is “fake,” or hoping that the rest of us will simply tune out or give up.

The antidote to Trump Fatigue Syndrome is just the opposite – remaining vigilant, staying engaged, and refusing to give up. Know that the Kansas Chapter is doing all three, and more. This annual report is designed to give you an overview of the many things we are doing by way of a “year in review,” but is also to let members know that we are a forward-looking group of optimists who know that the future is bright and that we cannot allow ourselves to be undone by Trump and his minions.

The Kansas Chapter is active on many fronts. Craig Volland, who chairs committees on food, agriculture, and air quality, has highlighted the many efforts we continue to make in these areas. Executive Committee member Richard Mabion has spearheaded a Wyandotte County Healthfield project to reduce pollution and increase the community’s access to essential resources. Zack Pistora, our legislative coordinator and lobbyist, will share his view on the issues facing the Kansas Legislature during its 2018 session. And thanks to the efforts of Bob Sommer, membership development and fundraising are all on track to reach new heights. The Chapter has grown dramatically in 2017, as members have joined or renewed – no doubt as an excellent antidote to All Things Trump. Our leadership team and member/activists have been going about the business of making America green again by educating fellow Kansans about the dangers of fracking and the earthquakes they cause, through continued advocacy for the closure of aging coal-fired power plants which began with our opposition to the Holcomb plant, and by way of the positive message of a 21st Century economy based upon renewable energy.

We look forward to taking on the challenges and opportunities that 2018 will bring us!

Paul Post
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Kansas Sierra Club leaders took to the streets this year, here and across the nation, organizing opportunities to participate in public demonstrations against global climate change.

Supported by the Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri Chapters of the Sierra Club, and organized by Southwind leaders, 46 intrepid activists hopped on a bus and joined an estimated 200,000 at the People’s Climate Movement March in Washington on April 29th. It was a grueling “turn-around” trip, but it was reported by leader Lori Lawrence that there were “Great people, new friends, lots of laughter, lots of anger and lots of pride.”

Meanwhile, back at home, a coalition of partners who advocate for climate, jobs, and justice, led by Gail Shafton of the Kanza Group, and including Missouri’s Thomas Hart Benton Group, 350KC, and women’s groups organized the KC People’s Climate Rally and March.

Despite wind and rain, about 200 hardy souls held a pre-rally march on the Plaza. An estimated 1,000 at the rally listened to speakers on public health, agriculture, Native Americans, labor and faith, demonstrating that people in the Heartland have voices aligned with those being heard the same day in Washington, D.C.

In the August heat, another busload of Kansas and Oklahoma Sierra Club members hit the road to Lincoln, Neb., to protest the resurrected zombie Keystone XL pipeline. The group included people from towns and cities throughout the two states.

Elaine Giessel
Conservation Chair
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LEGISLATIVE MOMENTUM FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Sierra Club gained momentum in the Kansas Statehouse during the 2017 legislative session. With the arrival of a few dozen eager—and environmentally-savvy—freshmen legislators, now allied with several longtime eco-friendly incumbents, the Legislature has entered a new era of moderate, sensible policymaking.

In 2017, the Kansas Chapter lobbied hard to improve the state’s water policy, advocating for a clean water supply for future generations of Kansans by maintaining critical funding for water programs. Our efforts paid off as legislators added $1.2 million to the State Water Plan Fund.

We have high hopes for 2018. Beyond more debate on water policy, expect new discussion regarding accountability and disposal criteria for oil and gas earthquake-causing wastewater injection. Ideas for expanding the state’s thriving renewable energy sector are likely on tap this year, too.

Perhaps the Legislature will also approve policy fixes for air pollution in Kansas from excessive burning and drifting pesticides. Only time will tell what topics emerge, but the Kansas Chapter's lobbying team will be hard at work.

You can play an important role in these efforts by joining our new citizen Lobby Corps! Sign up here and make a difference in Kansas: Kansas.SierraClub.org/lobbycorps

Zack Pistora
Kansas Chapter Lobbyist

You are the difference!

“ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT THEY ARE TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE HAS NEVER TRIED TO FALL ASLEEP WITH A MOSQUITO IN THE ROOM.”
— CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN

This inaugural issue of Kansas Sierra Club Compass, the Kansas Chapter's new annual review, tells a story of initiative, engagement, and achievement. The Kansas Sierra Club was there when a mega-food corporation tried to take over a small town and also when our government agencies failed to do their jobs to protect citizens and environment.

The Kansas Chapter has grown this year. Membership is up nearly 20 percent. More people feel the urgency of getting involved. Last year’s elections doubtless have a lot to do with that. The chaos—even malignancy—in Topeka too. Many Kansans have come to one conclusion: “There’s work to do, and I can’t leave it for someone else.”

So here’s the deal.
For the Kansas Chapter to be effective, the energy and financial support of our members are the critical mass. Volunteers and new leaders are needed on our Group and Chapter Executive Committees. Find a local meeting, volunteer for a committee, help out at an event, join the Lobby Corps!

And please do invest in the Kansas Sierra Club. When you donate to the Kansas Chapter, 100 percent of your contribution remains here in Kansas. No donation is too small. Every dollar matters, and so does every minute you contribute to preserving our precious planet!

Please visit Kansas.SierraClub.org to learn more and to contribute.

Robert F. Sommer
Fundraising Coordinator
It’s been a busy year for the Kansas Chapter

AIR QUALITY
After years of challenging KDHE for failing to properly monitor the annual burning of the Flint Hills, the Chapter decided to do its own monitoring in the City of Manhattan in March & April. The burning has caused exceedances of the ozone and/or fine particle standards in each of the last four years in Lincoln or Omaha, Neb. After KDHE arranged for the shutting of the Konza Prairie ozone monitor in 2013, there has been no continuous monitor in Kansas between Topeka and the Cedar Bluffs station west of Hays.

In partnership with the Diesel Health Project and CleanAirNow, led by Eric Kirkendall, we set up two PM2.5 monitors on either side of the city at the homes of Chapter members, Carol Barta and Prof. Scott Smith. Our results were consistent with those obtained at continuous monitors in Nebraska. 12 hours later: Residents of Manhattan and students at Kansas State University were, indeed, breathing unhealthy air.

We are currently planning to do additional monitoring of diesel emissions in industrial areas along the Kansas and Missouri Rivers in Kansas City, Kan., and also at two sites in Lawrence.

We recently learned, too, that the Tri-state Power Cooperative in Colorado, the main customer for the Holcomb II coal plant, no longer finds the project viable. They have not formally pulled the plug yet, though. The Club has led the fight against this project for more than ten years.

FOOD AND AG
The Chapter continues to fight CAFOs in Kansas. We are following two hog factory cases in western Kansas with the goal of strengthening the enforcement of Kansas law. We served in an advisory role recently when the citizens of Tonganoxie stalled Tyson Foods’ plan to build a slaughterhouse just south of town, and as many 400 meat-chicken production barns within 30 miles of the site.

Meanwhile, we also formed the Healthy Food and Farms Committee with the goal of educating eaters to go local and organic to patronize local farmers. The Kansas Chapter has supported the new Sunrise Garden in Lawrence to help create a local center for this activity. Members of the Wakarusa group are helping out. We also staffed a table at the Mother Earth News Fair in Topeka in October.

Craig Volland
Food & AG and Air Quality Chair
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CREEKS, CRITTERS & CHEMICALS

In 2017, the Kansas Chapter focused primarily on slowing climate change through promotion of renewables and fighting “fracking.” In addition, the Chapter continued to oppose industrial agriculture, to support local and organic producers, and to engage in other important conservation work statewide.

CREEKS
Water quality and quantity continue to be key issues in Kansas. Chapter leaders are engaged with the National Water Sentinels and are collaborating with the Wild America Campaign and the Ag/Food, Marine and Mississippi/Missouri Rivers teams. The Chapter submitted comments on the proposed Missouri River Management Plan in support of protecting critical habitat for wildlife.

CRITTERS
The latest news on last year’s prairie dog relocation effort is that reproduction this year was good and the colony is doing well. The Chapter committed this spring to working on public education with the Kansas Monarch butterfly task force and recently participated in the National Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes conference. The Kansas Sierra Club continues to have a voice on the KDWPT Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council.

CHEMICALS
The Sierra Club is addressing environmental justice issues in Kansas. Contacted by El Centro, a Latino community advocacy organization in Wyandotte Co., the Chapter submitted public comment on a consent decree between the Dept. of Justice, EPA and Harcros Chemicals. Harcros has admitted to several serious chemical safety violations at its Kansas City, Kan., facility. Following negotiations with the Chapter, Harcros has agreed to help educate its WyCo neighbors about chemical emergency preparedness.

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BIENNIAL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE
There Is No More Normal!

Dr. Johannes Feddema
University of Victoria, B.C.
Keynote speaker

Dr. Johannes Feddema earned his Ph.D. in Climatology at the University of Delaware, where his research focused on how human activity affects the climate. His publications have appeared widely in scholarly journals, including Climate Research, Climate Dynamics, and Climatic Change and Science. Dr. Feddema was a contributing author to the Nobel Prize-winning U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report.

Saturday, March 24, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Baker University Wetlands Discovery Center, Lawrence, Kan.

Special guests, panel discussions, good food, and good fellowship! And bring your walking shoes for some outdoor activity!

This is a free event for Sierra Club members, guests, and friends, but you must register. Email Gary Anderson at gjanderson1963@gmail.com and indicate lunch preference (vegetarian or non-vegetarian).
IMPORTANT CHANGES: Kansas Chapter Communications Going Digital!

Welcome to the Compass, our first annual report on Chapter-wide activities. The Compass is meant to show you where we are and to share some exciting new directions we are taking. This year, that includes moving increasingly to “greener” digital communications.

You should have been receiving our informative monthly Planet Kansas Update! by email. If not, we urge you to provide us with your current email address. Get Online now by following instructions on page 2.

You may be reluctant to share your email address; we all get too much electronic mail. The good news is that you can control what emails you get from us. At the bottom of each email from Sierra Club, there is a link to “Manage Preferences.” At any time, you can adjust settings that control what you receive. You are a member of Sierra Club because you care deeply about the environment. Through more effective digital communications, our Chapter leaders can stay in touch and help you protect the planet. Put on your hikers and join us on this journey. Together we can make a real difference in Kansas!
2017 Candidate Statements

Gary Anderson | Topeka ExCom: I have served as Chair of the Topeka Group ExCom and have represented our Group at the Chapter ExCom. I am also the Chapter PAC Treasurer. I continue to be very proud of the work that our Kansas Sierra Club does for our state and its citizens. I also believe that opposition to our fossil fuel interests and efforts to promote understanding of what is necessary to fight climate change continues to be our highest priorities. We also need to support our lobbyist and his efforts to promote good environmental decisions in our state and local government. I would try to reach out to more of our state-wide and Topeka area members to provide education and support for their environmental interest and work. We must strive to get our members actively involved in our issues, policies, events, and struggles.

Adison Banks | Kanza ExCom: While relatively new to the Sierra Club, I have had a life-long interest in the environment, instilled in me by my parents and grandparents. A native Kansan, I focused on environmental and natural resources law at Washburn. After graduating in 2014, I moved to Texas and started volunteering with Sierra Club, picking up trash in the parks and tabling at events. In 2016, I joined the Fort Worth Group’s ExCom, where I had the opportunity to argue two environmental justice causes to the Dallas and Fort Worth City Councils. In Dallas, I helped stop a concrete plant from getting built in a low income neighborhood, where particulate pollution would have harmed people, particularly children. In Fort Worth, I helped keep the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens free to the public. My wife and I moved back to Kansas this year and, whether I am picking up trash or arguing a cause to a local policy maker, I would like to continue volunteering with the Sierra Club.

Amber Berg | Manhattan: (Chapter ExCom) I am a student in Kansas State University’s Regional and Community Planning program and the president of Students for Environmental Action (SEA). I helped transform SEA into an energetic group of passionate individuals who engage the campus and Manhattan community in environmental action, including a campaign against plastic shopping bags. I organized our group trip to this year’s WEALTH Lobby Day and hosted an environmental art exhibit. I was selected as a 2017 Udall Scholar. I want to get young people involved in environmental issues to ensure the longevity of our movement and a clean future for the state of Kansas. My roles on campus and in SEA can allow me to engage the youth with long-time members of the Sierra Club to ensure Kansas and our communities are environmentally vibrant and resilient.

Kelly Bowlin | Wichita: (Chapter ExCom) I am a new member to Sierra Club, although I am very familiar with the organization. I am semi-retired after selling my Home Health and Hospice agency and am managing real estate investments with my husband. I now have the time and energy to change directions from healthcare to conservation. Over the years I have become increasingly concerned about the amount of damage we are doing through pollution. The recent changes in the government and roll back of programs designed to protect the environment have empowered and impassioned me to take action to protect this beautiful planet for my grandchildren and their grandchildren. As a previous business owner, I offer broad experience as an administrator.

Having been in a federally funded healthcare program I am also a good researcher. Being on the Chapter Executive Committee will allow me to make a difference and effect change.

Daniel DeGroot | Southwind ExCom: As a member of the Southwind Group ExCom, I have helped plan activities, including education on Kansas pollinators at the Exploration Place and traveling to Washington, D.C. for the People’s Climate March. I have been administrator for the Peace and Social Justice Education Fund in Wichita for over a year. I handle financial accounts, work on fundraising campaigns, and help with communications, including weekly calendar, website updates, and newsletters. During the protests at Standing Rock, and more recently after hurricane Harvey, I assisted and managed real estate investments with my husband. Furthermore, I attend all board meetings, handle the scheduling of events, and make presentations on the current state of the Peace Center. I also work as a Volunteer Coordinator for University Friends Church where I help care for homeless families. I would appreciate your vote for the Southwind Group ExCom.

Anita Frank | Topeka ExCom: I am happy to run again for ExCom membership in and for Conservation Chair of the Topeka Group of the Sierra Club. Please share with me your ideas for this appointment. Thank you for your support.

Steve Hassler | Kanza ExCom: I am currently the Outings Chair for the Kanza Group and have served on the Executive Committee on and off since 1993. I was recently appointed to fill an ExCom vacancy and am now standing for election. The next few years will be as challenging as ever, as we face
hostility to our mission at both the federal and state levels of government. Nevertheless, recent months have brought some hope, as our Outings program continues to grow. Moreover, many new participants are embracing our conservation message for the first time and deciding to become Club leaders. During the past year I have focused my efforts on educating our outings participants about environmental issues and the value of healthy ecological systems, most recently at advanced Outings leader training. Thanks for your support.

Melissa Hickham | Wakarusa ExCom: No statement submitted; see Karin Pagel-Meiners statement.

David Kirkbride | Wichita: (Chapter and Southwind ExComs) I have been chair of the Southwind Group, the Southwind Group Delegate to the Chapter Executive Committee, and, for the past four years, an elected member of the Chapter Executive Committee. I also serve as Chapter Secretary and as Chapter Outings Chair as well as a member of the Chapter Education Grants Committee. The work of the Kansas Chapter has been very impressive, especially our on-going efforts to stop the expansion of the Holcomb coal-fired generating station, our fight against global warming, and other local environmental battles. I am also impressed with my colleagues on the Chapter Executive Committee, who are highly motivated individuals dedicated to protecting Planet Earth for our children and grandchildren.

David Kyner | Wakarusa ExCom: I have served as treasurer for the Wakarusa Group in Lawrence for two years and wish to serve again on the ExCom. I write letters to our politicians and newspapers about my concerns for the environment, which include the overuse and pollution of water by industry, farming, ranching, feed lots, golf courses, and homeowners. Overuse of fertilizers and pesticides also contaminates air and soil. Fracking should be more regulated in its proximity to towns, its impacts on use and contamination of water, and its waste injection causing earthquakes. Clean energy should be promoted, including non-fossil fuels like wind, solar, geothermal, and hydroelectric power. The public should be warned about the toxic effects that chemicals have on everyone’s health.

Lori Lawrence | Wichita: (Chapter & Southwind ExComs) I got ambushed! Yvonne Cather met me on a bus I organized and recruited me! I’ve been with the Southwind ExCom for the last few years and I am trying to help Southwind branch out! I started the Brewery Events that have brought in more than 75 people. I still organize buses for Sierra Club (and for the Women’s March); I just did my 6th one. I am hoping we will expand beyond Wichita and start having meetings where some of our other Southwind members live (tell me if you want us to come to you!). My mission is not over! Sierra Club still has a lot of fights to wage. Especially EARTHQUAKES for us here.

Janet Lhuillier | Kanza ExCom: I joined Sierra Club in 1991. I have been on the Kanza Executive Committee for the last two years, volunteering with the annual fundraiser before that. I have a M.A. Degree in Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution and currently serve as the Executive Director of Heartland Mediators Association for attorneys and non-attorneys covering the state of Kansas and western Missouri. I would like to continue serving on the ExCom because I think my work experience and mediation skills can benefit the group. I have a passion for helping Mother Earth and humanity in any way I can. My interests are in wind energy, fracking and fresh water. I am also on the Kansas Chapter ExCom and was honored to represent Kansas at the 2017 Sierra Club National Convention in Washington, DC. My goal is to find better ways to communicate with and engage our members.

Craig Lubow | Kansas City: (Chapter and Kanza ExComs) As a SC member since 1987, I have served on the Kanza Group and chapter ExComs in many roles: Conservation Chair, Kanza Chair, Membership Chair, Kanza Vice-Chair, and Political Chair. Next year will be a vital political election year; I want to focus a lot of energy on getting environmentally friendly candidates elected. I am also a rotating host on Eco Radio KC, which airs on KKFI Community Radio. This is an important means of getting our message to the community. Finally, as we move into the modern age of social media, I want to be sure that we do not leave behind the members that are not computer savvy. Please vote for me for reelection to the Kanza ExCom and for election to the Kansas Chapter ExCom. Thank you.

Richard Mabion | Kansas City: (Chapter ExCom) My interest in Sierra Club began during an EPA workshop on Brownfield Training Grants in 2008. It was then I realized I lived in a county that had four coal-powered plants, and had not heard any citizens talking about it as an issue of concern. Recognizing the impacts of air pollution on public health, I created an annual educational event “Building A Sustainable Earth Community” to get more people of color involved in the environmental movement. I have been working with the Chapter for many years on energy efficiency education in Wyandotte Co. In January 2012, I was recruited and elected to the Chapter ExCom as its first Black member. As Environmental Justice chair, I have participated in a number of national Sierra Club workshops on diversity and equity. I am also president of the NAACP of KCK, where I have brought greater awareness of environmental issues. I would consider it an honor to continue working with
Sierra Club in my KCK neighborhoods. There is still a lot of work to be done.

Karin Pagel-Meiners | Wakarusa ExCom: Melissa Hickam and I have been serving as Acting Co-Chairs this past year. I feel fortunate to have been able to partner our Wakarusa Group with other environmental groups in the community to offer numerous films and lectures. I have also instigated seasonal vegan potlucks (you don’t have to be a vegan to come!) and worked with the Chapter’s Food and Ag Committee to bring funding to the Sunrise Project’s Community Garden under the new “Healthy Foods and Farms” initiative. It is my hope that we can find ways to educate and engage our group members as well as members of the community, especially reaching out to people beyond “the choir.” I care deeply about the issues of global warming and climate change, water contamination, and food security. We have no Planet B.

Kent Rowe | Wichita: (Chapter & Southwind ExCom) Kent Rowe, with a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering and a Master’s level degree in Toxicology, has authored numerous research papers and led investigations in environmental & occupational diseases and toxic exposure determinations. His efforts to promote clean energy, agricultural hemp cultivation, and elimination of needless hydrocarbon-based commodities includes installing solar and wind generation in homes and churches and measuring pollution emissions in Wichita’s industrial & transportation corridors. He is a member of the WSU Green Faculty Group, Vice Chair of the Southwind Group, and a founding member of the newly-formed Wichita Society of Alternative Resources (SOAR).

He recently orchestrated the donation of the first solar panel to the Mechanical Engineering Dept. at WSU and implemented a design to incorporate more solar panels on campus buildings. He operates a countryside Airbnb powered by solar & wind, including a plug-in electric car & tractor/mower.

David Schenk | Overland Park: (Chapter Excom) I have always had an interest in the environment but only joined Sierra Club in 2016. With the overwhelming evidence that humans are causing climate change, I decided to get involved to help raise awareness and to work for change. I have a great interest in renewable energy. I am also aware of the harm that is being done by fracking in Kansas and want to work with Chapter leaders on a campaign to stop it. With a masters degree in business and previous management experience, I can multi-task and offer good communication skills and the ability to work with a variety of people. I believe we are to be good stewards of God’s creation. I wish to use my skills and passion to bring about positive change so we and future generations can live in a safer, cleaner, healthier world.

Gail Shafton | Kanza ExCom: I joined Sierra Club in 2007 to oppose coal-fired power plants in Kansas. As a nurse practitioner, I’m passionate about human and planetary health. My conscience and moral compass demand that I help create a low or non-carbon based economy to avert climate catastrophe. I have served as the Kanza Group Vice Chair, Program Chair, Publicity Chair, Communications Chair, and Education Chair. I developed the Kanza Cinema Series and served as the lead organizer for the 2017 People’s Climate March KC, where I engaged younger people, communities of color, indigenous people, and faith communities. I’ve been an active promoter of social media on behalf of both the Kansas Chapter and Kanza Group and collaborated with local colleges and churches to broaden our impact. If elected, I would focus on engaging local government and citizens to reduce green house gas emissions and improve resilience to the impact of climate change on our community.

Duncan Whittier | Topeka ExCom: I am seeking a second term on the Topeka Sierra Club’s Executive Committee because climate change is the most significant issue of our time and the Sierra Club is the best voice calling attention to this issue. I want to leave my grandchildren and their grandchildren an environment that is as beautiful and wondrous as mine has been.
### Ballot Instructions

Read the instructions below before marking your ballot. Improper votes will be discarded.

- Check the mailing label on this packet. Above your name is your local Group affiliation, as well as your membership type: “SNGL” or “JNT”.
- Review 2017 Candidate Statements.
- Regardless of Group affiliation, everyone may vote for Kansas Chapter (statewide) ExCom candidates.
- If you are affiliated with a local Group, you may vote in your Group’s election. If you live in an area not affiliated with a local Group (“Unaffiliated”), you may only vote in the Chapter election.
- If your mailing label says SNGL, then you have a single membership and should vote in only one column. JNT indicates a joint membership; each of the joint members may vote but in separate columns.
- Each member should vote only once for any one candidate.
- Write-in candidates are not allowed.
- After voting, fold the ballot with the Chapter address visible, apply tape, add postage and mail by Dec 31.

### Kansas Chapter - Statewide Election (Pick up to 5 candidates)

- Amber Berg - Manhattan
- Kelly Bowlin - Wichita
- Dave Kirkbride - Wichita
- Lori Lawrence - Wichita
- Craig Lubow - Kansas City
- Richard Mabion - Kansas City
- Kent Rowe - Wichita
- David Schenk - Overland Park

### Kanza Group – Kansas City (Pick up to 5 candidates)

- Adison Banks
- Steve Hassler
- Janet Lhuillier
- Craig Lubow
- Gail Shafton

### Southwind Group – Wichita (Pick up to 4 candidates)

- Daniel DeGroot
- David Kirkbride
- Lori Lawrence
- Kent Rowe

### Topeka Group – Topeka (Pick up to 3 candidates)

- Gary Anderson
- Anita Frank
- Duncan Whittier

### Wakarusa Group – Lawrence (Pick up to 3 candidates)

- Melissa Hickham
- Karin Pagel-Meiners
- David Kyner

Flint Hills Group – Manhattan

No group election for 2017

YOUR BALLOT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 31, 2017 IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.