2021 Annual Election Guidelines
Candidates for Kansas Chapter and Group Executive Committees
Terms begin on January 1, 2022 and end December 31, 2023
Note: Meetings may be held on Zoom

Thank you for accepting the call to become a candidate for the Executive Committee of the Kansas Chapter and/or one of its Groups. This role is an important one and we appreciate your time and the talents that you are willing to give to Sierra Club.

There are 5 vacancies on the 9-member Kansas Chapter ExCom for the 2022-2023 term. Kansas Chapter members will vote by email or by mailed paper ballot between October 11 and midnight November 19, 2021. The Election Committee will meet on Zoom, Saturday, November 19th, to count the ballots. All candidates will receive a Zoom link so that they may observe the ballot counting process.

The Kansas Chapter ExCom and its members oversee the activities of the chapter membership by:
● supporting the mission of the Sierra Club;
● serving on committees as needed;
● participating in conference calls and Zoom or in-person meetings;
● sponsoring conservation programs which further the Sierra Club goals;
● communicating with members about opportunities to participate, and reporting on the work of the Chapter or Group through newsletters, email, websites or special mailings;
● helping to increase the Sierra Club’s visibility in the community.

Please use this link to submit your candidate submission form to the Kansas Chapter Nominating Committee by August 30th. Candidate Submission Form

If you have trouble accessing the online form, please email one of the Kansas Chapter Nominating Committee members below:

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Steve Hassler  hassler@planetkc.com
Tad Kramar  kramarmt@hotmail.com

The Candidate Submission Form has required fields which cannot be left blank. If you have nothing to enter, you must type N/A in a box to continue to the next question.
Please provide your name and contact information and whether you’re running for the Chapter ExCom or Group ExCom (identify the group) or both.

You may explain why you are a candidate with a brief statement which should include:

- Your past or current roles/experience with Sierra Club;
- The particular skills you have to offer;
- Your experience on any non-profit boards on which you have served.

Use the Character Counter link to make sure your ballot statement is no longer than 800 characters. Each space counts as a character, so limit your statement to one paragraph, if possible. [Character Counter - WordCounter.net](http://WordCounter.net)

**EXAMPLE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS:**

1. I am a candidate for my group executive committee. I’ve been a member of the National Sierra Club since 1981. I’ve served as the group treasurer. It’s always seemed evident that we should take care of our planet, both for ourselves and those who come after us. We are fouling our nest and it is the only one we have. The Sierra Club offers a great framework to work within to educate ourselves and others and take action to protect the earth while we still have a chance. I have been impressed by the work done by other SC Groups in the state and think I can help with actions both in Topeka and in the state. I would appreciate your vote for my candidacy.

2. 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 multitask 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.

3. I feel I would be a good executive committee member because I bring years of outdoor sporting and camping experience. I am an American Canoe Association (ACA) Canoe and Kayak Instructor and a Boy Scout of America (BSA) certified Aquatics Instructor. My other community experience involves being a former River Kids Instructor and former Chairman of the Wichita Boathouse Council. I hope to share my love and respect of the outdoors by giving our members the opportunity to enjoy nature with a variety of outings in the future.