



Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club

Fall 2018 ExCom Election Issue

No Matter Your Vote, the Choice Is Green

The Sierra Club is a national grassroots environmental organization that elects volunteer leadership from among its members. Every Maryland Chapter member is entitled to vote and run for leadership positions within the Chapter and local Groups. Learn more about the current candidates by reading the information below. To choose your leaders, see page 14 for voting instructions, then go to page 15 for the paper ballot.

Chapter and Group Executive Committee Elections

The Maryland Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) is composed of six at-large members and one delegate from each of the seven Groups. Every year, the Maryland Chapter elects three at-large ExCom members to serve two-year terms.

The Chapter ExCom is responsible for:

- Managing chapter affairs and activities.
- Establishing chapter policies.
- Providing members with activities and services that are consistent with the bylaws, policies, and standing rules of the Sierra Club and with applicable state and federal laws.
- Overseeing volunteer committees.
- Addressing Maryland's environmental issues.
- Electing the Maryland Chapter Chair and other officers from within its ranks.

Chapter ExCom activities include financial management, membership services, production of publications, and conservation and political programs. Those elected will begin their terms in January 2019.

The Maryland Chapter's Groups serve smaller geographic areas within the state, which include:

- Anne Arundel (Anne Arundel County)
- Catocin (Frederick, Carroll, and Washington Counties)
- Greater Baltimore (Baltimore City, Baltimore and Harford Counties)
- Howard (Howard County)
- Montgomery (Montgomery County)
- Prince George's (Prince George's County)
- Southern Maryland (Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties)

(There are no active Groups on the Eastern Shore or in Western Maryland at this time.)

The seven Groups carry out the mission of the Sierra Club and Maryland Chapter at the local level by initiating local conservation campaigns, organizing outings, and educating members. Every Group elects its own ExCom to set goals and manage activities. The size of each Group's ExCom and the number of openings that are up for election vary according to each Group's bylaws.

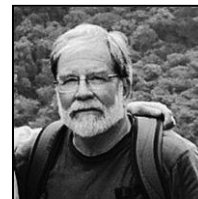
Chapter ExCom Candidate Statements (Vote for up to 3)

ALFRED BARTLETT, Chevy Chase, Montgomery County

During my first ExCom term, I've realized my commitment to fighting climate change in important ways. I've supported the Chapter in promoting carbon-reducing policies, legislation, candidates, and campaigns ranging from reducing coal plant pollution to promoting renewable energy.

Beyond being supportive, I've worked to become a proactive leader. Local zoning policies in Maryland have led to near-paralysis of solar development. I obtained a grant from National Sierra Club for research and activities that have helped make the Chapter a leader in solar policy. This work also realized a promise I made when joining the ExCom to strengthen Chapter-Group partnerships, working with the Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, and Catocin Groups to analyze and influence local solar policy. I also worked with Group leaders to increase Chapter funding for Groups.

Last fall I led our Chapter's movement to take Maryland to 100% clean renewable energy, developing innovative legislation that challenges legislative inertia. I've also applied my program experience to strengthen Chapter operations, helping connect financial planning with program objectives and working on grant applications. In a second term, I'll continue leading our campaign for clean energy and working with our Groups and local leaders to advance solar development in Maryland.



MATTHEW DERNOGA, College Park, Prince George's County

I attended the University of Maryland as an undergraduate and graduate student. While at the university, I helped lead a student environmental organization in several campaigns to green the university. I've volunteered with the Maryland Sierra Club for the last eleven years, and have previously served on the Chapter Executive Committee.

I've worked with members on the advocacy side to help pass the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act and the Maryland Offshore Wind Act, along with a dozen ambitious environmental bills in Prince George's County. I've also served as the Chapter liaison to Heather Mizeur's gubernatorial campaign in 2014 and Joseline Pena-Melnik's Congressional campaign in 2016. More recently, I ran a close race for Maryland State Delegate in 2018.

We're at a critical moment in our country as the Trump administration works to unravel our environmental protections. It's more important than ever for Maryland to be at the forefront of fights for climate and environmental justice. I want to use my institutional knowledge of Maryland Sierra Club, my relationships across the state, and my policy and political chops to broaden our influence and maximize our impact.



KRISH O'MARA VIGNARAJAH, Gaithersburg, Montgomery County

I am seeking a position on the Executive Committee because I believe Sierra Club must continue to be at the forefront on environmental issues at this moment.

When I ran for Governor, the environment and natural resource issues were one of the three key pillars of my platform. Climate change threatens to decimate Maryland's coastal communities and undo much of the progress towards restoring the Bay. I want to serve on the ExCom to



help Sierra Club, working with other public and private partners, to make Maryland the national leader in climate action by 1) cutting overall greenhouse gas emissions, instead supporting offshore wind, solar, and geothermal; 2) reducing energy demand through energy conservation/efficiency measures; and 3) making communities more resilient through cutting-edge investments in natural defenses, like living shorelines, oyster reefs, and wetland restoration.

As Policy Director for Michelle Obama and Senior Advisor to Secretary Clinton, I worked to develop policy on climate change, including the Paris Treaty. Growing up, my family would often take vacations to Maryland's parks, refuges, and other protected areas. Maryland's unrivalled natural resources instilled in me both a sense of wonder and a conservation ethic we must pay forward to the next generation.

Group ExCom Candidate Statements

Anne Arundel Group (Vote for up to 2)

EARL H. BRADLEY, JR., Annapolis

I have been a long-term member of the Anne Arundel Group of the Sierra Club and presently serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. I would like to continue as a member of the Committee to help address the challenges the county will be facing in the upcoming years: adopting a new General Development Plan; reconsidering a county foam ban; providing needed additional protection for the county's natural resources, particularly its forested areas; and meeting commitments under the multi-state Chesapeake Bay Program.



FREDERICK (RICK) KISSEL, Annapolis

I am a semi-retired Engineer with a BS in Electrical Engineering and graduate certificates in Computer Sciences and Engineering Science. I live near the head of Back Creek with my wife, Lee Finney, where we keep our 30-foot catamaran sailboat. Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay (since about 1975) motivated me to become an environmental advocate for the Bay, which, in turn, has led me to be active in several environmental organizations, including the Anne Arundel Group of the Sierra Club, where I have been an ExCom member since September 2011.



I would very much like to continue membership in the ExCom, where there exist endless opportunities to move the environmental agenda forward: clean water (state-wide banning of expanded polystyrene foam comes to mind); lobbying for enforcement of existing forest conservation regulations (the Reserve at Quiet Waters and the Crystal Spring Development); and global warming—the ultimate challenge. The list is endless—but challengeable, albeit one task at a time.

Catoctin Group

(Vote for up to 3)

ELIZABETH (BETTY) LAW, Frederick, Frederick County

I have had a life-long interest in protecting the environment. While my husband and I lived in a little town in upstate New York, we successfully fought a number of waste dumps and incinerators that were proposed in our township.

I have worked twenty years as an Electric Power Engineer. My last position was with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. I have a Master's Degree in Electric Power from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BS in Electrical Engineering. In my previous twenty-year career, I was an administrator and special education teacher. I have an MS in Special Education and a BA in English. While a teacher at a psychiatric center, I was a union leader of a professional union of 500 members.

I believe that I can bring to the Executive Committee my passion to heal the environment, the discipline of my engineering career and the organizational and people skills of my teaching career and union organizing. Thank you for considering me for a position on the Executive Committee for the Catoctin Group.



GEORGE C. RUDY, Walkersville, Frederick County

I have 55-plus years of experience in providing consulting services to the domestic and international nuclear materials and energy industry. I'm recognized in the industry as a "subject matter expert" in the assessment of abnormal-accident scenarios, and in the defining-development of "corrective action" systems and programs (and associated regulatory licensing strategies) to mitigate or control the upset event to ensure the safety of the facility staff and neighboring communities.

If elected to the Catoctin Group ExCom, I will bring the above experience and skills with the interests and objective of supporting development of carbon-free energy initiatives designed to replace polluters, and of challenging industries (such as solid waste incinerators and fossil-fuel fired facilities) within the community and state that are long-term polluters of our air and streams. I will also provide voluntary advisory assessment and corrective action services to safety-critical industries (such as Fort Detrick) that operate within our community. (I'm an elected community member of the Fort Detrick Environmental Restoration Advisory Board.) Finally, I will challenge and work to shut down proposed new programs and facilities with the potential to adversely impact the public health and safety of our community.



PAUL WALKER, Middletown, Frederick County

Since the first Earth Day (1970), I've had a keen interest in global and local environmental issues. In 1997, I established a forest conservation management agreement on 35 acres of second growth forest adjacent to the Appalachian Trail in Frederick County. After moving to this woodland in 2000, I designed and built an energy-efficient timber-frame house. I received Maryland Forest Steward (Coverts program) certification in 2005.

Since joining the Catoctin Group in 2017, I've participated in hearings and protests and published a letter in the *Frederick News-Post* opposing the Potomac pipeline. I helped interview County Council candidates for club endorsement; participated in Lobby Night; phone-banked for the Frederick mayoral candidate and District 3B delegate; and became a certified Outings Leader. *(Continued on next page.)*



I hold a BBA in Finance and an MBA. My 30-year technology career was spent mostly in Operations Management, Program Management, and Professional Sales. Most recently, I've worked as an advocate in a community solar subscriber organization.

If elected, my goal is to provide leadership and energy for activism, promoting clean energy and waste reduction and opposing activities harmful to the environment. I also hope to stay involved with political activities, supporting candidates sharing club priorities, and continue leading outings.

Greater Baltimore Group **(Vote for up to 3)**

DEBORAH "SPICE" KLEINMANN, Idlewylde, Baltimore County

I am currently the Chair of the Greater Baltimore Group of Sierra Club. I'm a longstanding member of the Sierra Club and lead singing at the Club's Jamborees and picnics. I have taken leadership roles in supporting green candidates and at rallies. I have a degree in Biology Education and Natural Resource Management from the University of Maryland, but my main profession involves teaching music and drama to young school children, creating musical performances with themes on the natural environment, peace, and justice. In the Peace Corps, I wrote environmental education curricula and taught children through the arts. I have been involved with Farm and Wilderness Camps in Vermont since 1987 and sailed and sang for ten years on the Hudson River on the *Clearwater*, an environmental education boat that was Pete Seeger's brainchild.

I love being part of the Greater Baltimore Group's ExCom because I have been working my whole life to achieve the same goals as the Sierra Club. I love teaching about the natural environment and exploring it with people who care as I do. If elected, I will do my best to support environmental justice and environmental sustainability in the greater Baltimore area.



KEVIN KRIESCHER, City of Baltimore

I've been a Greater Baltimore Group volunteer for four years and ExCom member for two (Chair, Vice-Chair, head of zero waste issues – incineration, recycling, etc.). I've represented GBG in various capacities, spoken at five hearings (Maryland Department of the Environment, City Hall, County Council) and at local schools, and lobbied in Annapolis. The Baltimore Sun has published nineteen of my letters to the editor.

I teach physics. I'm thrilled by any opportunity to engage science deniers and expose untruths. As a farmer who grew up in the sticks, I understand the connection between outdoor experience and appreciation. My enthusiasm for tackling environmental problems grows by the day and channeling it through the Sierra Club connects me to sympathetic people. Being involved has taught me much about state/local politics.

The Sierra Club is primarily an outings club, and enjoying wilderness requires protecting it. To some extent, increasing social and economic sustainability can increase environmental sustainability, but that alone does not justify adding all social progress issues to the Sierra Club docket. I have seen Club colleagues lose interest when our mission statement became blurred. If elected, I would do whatever I can to conserve wild spaces and to dramatically reduce pollution.



AVA RICHARDSON, City of Baltimore

I am a public health and social justice advocate and have been working to eliminate racial, economic, and geographic health disparities for over a decade. My health equity background served as a gateway to environmental justice issues, from clean air to food systems. I currently work at the nexus of environment, economics, and health to advance programming, policy, and systems intended to put people and planet first, focusing specifically on the environmental injustices that vulnerable communities battle every day. I am currently a doctoral student at Johns Hopkins University studying environmental health.

If elected to the Executive Committee of the Greater Baltimore Group, I would want to work on worker ownership and green cities in Baltimore.



Howard Group *(Vote for up to 4)*

KARINA FISHER, Ellicott City

Howard County is home to over 330,000 residents and is continuing to grow rapidly. With that population growth comes an increase in both residential and commercial development. It is essential that the Sierra Club play an active role in working with our county officials to protect and preserve our remaining green spaces; continue to advocate for energy efficient options as more vehicles travel our roads; lobby for environmentally sound ways of community waste reduction and removal; and promote environmental initiatives within our school system.

It is my hope to continue to serve on the Executive Committee of the Howard County Sierra Club to ensure that our environment is not an afterthought. As a recent graduate of the PlanHoward Academy, I know now, more than ever, how important it is to have representation at the table.



IAN MOLLER-KNUDSEN, Columbia

There are few things in life more important than protecting the environment. Therefore, I am committed to doing my part in its long-term preservation. I have committed myself to support alternative fuel sources, mass transit availability, and bicycle initiatives as part of my platform. I will continue to act as a conduit for information dissemination, heightening public awareness of issues as an advocate in public forums, and effectively utilizing my established community contacts to broaden the club's public footprint while bringing the issues to the forefront of conversations and a call for action.

My actions and endeavors have been in the service of our community. I have been a vocal advocate in county council and community meetings and serve on several committees that support those endeavors. I will act as a conduit to connect these like-minded groups to strengthen common goals. I also believe in clean and renewable energy, especially solar and wind. I am politically active and support candidates who have strong environmental positions. I'm a firm believer that the future will be green, thanks to the efforts of the Sierra Club and its members.



CAROLYN PARSA, Laurel

I see great potential in the role of the Sierra Club in Howard County. I believe that the Sierra Club can have a meaningful impact in turning our county greener. We need leadership that will pass laws that preserve our open spaces and natural areas for generations to enjoy. Support of programs like curbside composting, recycling, and initiatives involving waste reduction and energy conservation is invaluable in promoting sustainability. Sierra Club can be instrumental in supporting these goals as well as bringing people together with educational programs and social activities where people can explore our beautiful natural areas.

I want to be on the Executive Committee of the Howard County Sierra Club to actively promote these ideas and more. I personally have a lifelong love and appreciation for nature and wildlife. I have a bachelor's degree in Plant Science and a master's degree in Environmental Science, both from Rutgers University in New Jersey. I have also recently completed the Howard County Legacy Leadership Institute for the Environment. I hope to be elected to the Executive Committee to continue to work as Conservation Chair towards a sustainable Howard County and to contribute to the group's mission.



DONALD SHAEFER, Elkridge

I joined the Sierra Club in 2017 because I wanted to support an organization that aligns itself with taking care of our natural resources for the betterment of all mankind. Although I am a new Sierra Club member and a new resident of Howard County, I feel that I can contribute more to the club by serving as a member of the ExCom by bringing a youthful point of view and a logical way of thinking to any problems the club is currently facing.

I have a master's degree in aerospace engineering and am an Eagle Scout, so I understand how to solve problems and weigh possible tradeoffs to achieve my goals. I hope to use my skills to improve the efficiency and analytical abilities of the club so that our goals can be backed up by hard numbers and convincing case studies. I work well in groups and have no problem speaking publicly to share information with others. Going forward, I hope that my involvement can help the club make large impacts in our most critical environmental issues.

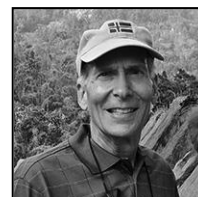


Montgomery Group *(Vote for up to 4)*

BRIAN E. DITZLER, Silver Spring

I'm a lifelong environmentalist and member of Sierra Club for 30+ years, and have been serving on the Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Sierra Club Group since 2014. I serve as the Group's delegate to the Maryland Chapter Executive Committee. I was elected co-chair of the Chapter Executive Committee in 2016 and chair in 2017 and 2018. This year, I was the Chapter lead on the Metro funding bill that was passed by the Maryland General Assembly, and wrote Sierra Club testimony on sixteen different transportation-related bills considered by the Maryland General Assembly.

I have advocated on behalf of our Group to the County Council on a range of issues including smart growth, bus rapid transit, restricting the sale and use of expanded polystyrene in food service products,



composting, beverage container recycling, and establishment of an urban agricultural tax credit. I also led the successful effort to have the state impose much stricter restrictions on the effluent that can be discharged into the Potomac River from the coal plant in Dickerson. I would very much like to be re-elected to the Montgomery Group Executive Committee so I can continue my work to help protect the environment and people's health.

BRUCE SIMONS MORTON, Bethesda

I am a long-standing environmentalist who has become more active since the 2016 national election. This June I became the Montgomery Group Communications Committee Chair, and I routinely attend monthly Executive Committee meetings ex officio. I am a member of the Maryland Chapter's "Transportation for All" Committee and chair of the sub-committee that works to impede the proposed I-495/I-270 lane expansion. I am also on the planning committee for this year's Chapter leadership retreat scheduled for November 30 to December 2. I served on the planning committee for the Montgomery County Rise for Climate (R4C) event held September 9 at the Rockville City Center, for which I obtained \$1,020 in support from the National Sierra Club.

I was a tenured professor at the University of Texas School of Public Health before coming to the National Institutes of Health, where I am now Senior Investigator after serving for 20 years as a Branch Chief and then Associate Director for Prevention at the Institute level. I conduct research on adolescent health behavior, including teenage driving, the focus of many of my 300 scientific publications. My goal is to improve the Montgomery Sierra Club Group's communications to better represent our priorities and activities.



DAVID W. SEARS, Bethesda

Family lore says that before I could even walk I was hugging trees in the local park (maybe to prevent falling?). I've been a proud, card-carrying Sierra Club member since 1981. For many years, I just paid my dues and read the magazine.

I've chaired the Montgomery County Group Political Committee since 2009. Our biggest challenge was interviewing dozens of candidates in fall 2017 in advance of our County Council and Executive endorsements for the 2018 elections. I am proud that several of our endorsed candidates won in the June primary.

I've chaired the Group Executive Committee since 2015. We have worked effectively with the County Council and key county agencies, like the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation, on initiatives that begin to address climate change. These initiatives include support for the Green Bank; benchmarking energy use in large buildings; the bicycle master plan; moving toward zero waste; and more solar and other renewable energy.

If re-elected, I will work to build even stronger outreach to key county officials. The Sierra Club still has much to do in pushing the county government to more aggressively address climate change and pursue other environmental goals.



PARTAP VERMA, Forest Glen

As a Forest Glen resident, I've worked hard to promote smart-growth and transit-oriented development, with a focus on community-oriented issues like pedestrian safety.

In 2015, I started the website Finding Forest Glen, where I tracked issues focusing on our community of 7,000 residents. After that I was able to start my own advocacy group called the Friends of Forest Glen / Montgomery Hills, which advocates for smart growth around Georgia Avenue. In



2018, after much advocacy, we were able to procure \$20 million for a second Metro entrance while delaying the environmentally disastrous Montrose East. I am also the land-use chair for the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board and a Panel Attorney for the Department of Housing, where I volunteer as a mediator for home owner's association disputes. I am on the Executive Board for the Gandhi Brigade, where we promote social issues (like the environment) to underprivileged youth. Finally, I have worked for the government as an attorney for fourteen years.

If elected, I would help provide ideas and insights about local issues that could overlap with the general mission of the Sierra Club in the hope of expanding general membership and awareness of broader environmental issues.

Prince George's Group

(Vote for up to 5)

SADE DADA, Fort Washington

I am an attorney who has dedicated my life to building strong communities! Through leadership roles and partnerships with various organizations, I have advocated on behalf of the community before local, state, federal, and international policymakers. I am committed to ensuring that EVERYONE not only has their individual needs met, but also has a seat at the decision-making table. My relentless community advocacy earned me the 2018 Prince George's County "Forty under 40" recognition and propelled me to run in the 2018 primary for State Delegate in District 26. I humbly earned the endorsement of the Maryland Sierra Club for my candidacy.



I have advocated for environmental sustainability and equity with a focus on educating and representing communities of color. If afforded the opportunity to serve as a member of the Prince George's County Sierra Club Executive Committee, I hope to intentionally develop partnerships with organizations in the county whose membership/reach touches a diverse group of our county's residents. Building a larger and more diverse base of residents informed about environmental impact will surely help with our organization's advocacy efforts. My high-priority environmental issues include: education, workforce development, justice/equity, waste reduction, land use, and transportation.

NA'ILAH DAWKINS, Upper Marlboro

Since being elected to the Executive Committee in 2016, I have grown as a volunteer and supporter. I have many fond memories of the past two years, and prefer to continue engagement in the social justice movements we defend, the environment we protect, and social problems we work hard to solve.



My roles throughout 2017 included event organizer, coordinator (for marches), Nominations Committee member, and a subcommittee member (Chapter Equity and Volunteer Engagement Committee). It was a joy to organize the Group's first tour of the rubblefill, coordinate with the Chapter for the 2017 People's Climate March, and participate as one of four selected statewide to attend the Sierra Club's "Growing for Change" Equity, Inclusion, and Justice training in Atlanta in December 2017.

In 2018, I participated in monthly ExCom meetings and annual events such as tabling and recycling at Bowiefest, monitoring implementation of the county foam ban, helping with our Group's potluck, and

recently our fall meeting. I would like to continue being a part of the Executive Committee because I want to uphold and challenge myself to continue the varying responsibilities of 2017, coordinate more events, and create gatherings to socialize, network, and learn.

KENNETH HEALY, Beltsville

I am running to return to the Executive Committee of the Prince George's Sierra Club. Currently the Group's treasurer, I describe myself as having been a very good treasurer—I routinely pay all bills, deposit donations, complete quarterly tax-related data, prepare year-end federal tax returns, and work with banks to resolve banking issues. This is not a role anyone else on the Executive Committee has been willing to take on. In addition, I have been active in Zero Waste and Recycling activities, the County's expanded polystyrene foam ban, and in presenting testimony to the County Council.



Should I be elected to the Executive Committee, it is my intent to remain as treasurer and to increase the amount held in the treasury in order to sponsor more activities. I plan to do this by engaging with philanthropic organizations. It is also my intent to continue and increase involvement in the Small Donor Public Financing legislation before the County Council. Additionally, I intend to become more involved in preserving the endangered University of Maryland golf course and green space. Finally, I plan to use my public speaking skills to present testimony before the County Council and State agencies.

SYDNEY JACOBS, Adelphi

I was elected to the Prince George's Group ExCom in 2014 and am Group representative to the Chapter Executive Committee. The primary conservation activities I work on are the zero waste and clean energy campaigns.



As the chair of the Chapter Zero Waste Committee, I've co-led efforts to ban expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam food containers at the state level and promoted county-level EPS bans. I'm especially interested in the world-wide plastic pollution crisis and want to find creative ways to decrease single-use packaging of all kinds. I hope to organize a regional plastic summit in 2019.

I'm also involved in several Chapter projects. I chaired the program committee for the Chapter's 2017 Jamboree. I played a major role in organizing the 2016 Leadership Retreat, and am doing so again this year. I also initiated a group to reestablish the Chapter's Conservation Committee.

Finally, I hope to work closely with other ExCom members to further strengthen our Group membership to reflect the diversity of Prince George's County. There is so much work to do to save our planet and turn this country around towards a more equitable, just society. I'd love the opportunity to represent the Prince George's Group again!

NICHOLAS C. ORRICK, Riverdale

Even though my profession is mechanical engineering, I have always been interested in the outdoors and political activity. I have become a political activist for the environment. It is important for our democracy to have people knowledgeable and involved to keep public officials on track. I see that as an important goal as a member of the Sierra Club and the Executive Committee. I have been striving to improve the political climate at the local level, but more people need to contribute, if only a little bit. My work is unfinished, so I wish to continue as a member of the Executive Committee.



BARBARA SOLLNER-WEBB, Laurel



I care a lot about environmental matters, and have served on the State's Patuxent River Commission (fourteen years) and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Environmental Advisory Committee (ten years; chair for seven). I've been a board member (seven years) and newsletter editor (four years) of the trails preservation group Trail-Riders-of-Today. I've been President of the West Laurel Civic Association (six years); board member of Patuxent Riverkeeper (five years); Prince George's Zero Waste group member (four years); and a member of Al Gore's Climate Reality project. Professionally, I'm a biology professor emerita at Johns Hopkins University.

For five years I've been on the Prince George's Group ExCom, helping our club's efforts, especially with reducing trash and expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam and encouraging recycling. I helped write the updated state bill requiring recycling at special events; got Laurel's Main Street festival to recycle (excellently!) this year; got Maryland's State Fair to offer recycling one year; educated many businesses about the EPS ban; and testified at many county meetings. Past ExCom activities include interviewing and endorsing political candidates, and organizing field trips. I want to continue working for the environment; doing this with the other great Sierra volunteers is a most effective way.

Southern Maryland Group

(Vote for up to 5)

BOB BOXWELL, Lusby, Calvert County



During 45 years in Southern Maryland, I've been active in campaigns to stop a toxic waste incinerator; save Mount Aventine; promote water issues through the Potomac River Swim and the Bernie Fowler wade-ins; and save a potential park from becoming soccer fields. I've been active on a number of boards of conservation and civic groups.

My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Political Science with History minor from the University of Maryland, and a Biology bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College. I actually got to use that in my last two jobs, as an educator at the Calvert Marine Museum and then as staff for a non-profit land trust in Calvert County (Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust). I enjoy nature and being able to interact with it through land management at the preserve where I work and through programs and tours of the trails there.

I've been on the Southern Maryland Executive Committee for many years. If you're interested in what is happening in your backyard and how it impacts you and the future, Sierra Club is a good place to be. If elected, I plan to continue to work for land preservation and increased funding for natural resources.

BENJAMIN HANCE, Great Mills, St. Mary's County



For the past year, I have served as Water Sentinel for the Southern Maryland Sierra Club Group. I've spoken at public forums in support of banning fracking and increasing regulations on coal plants, and have written various op-eds in local newspapers in support of numerous environmental causes. As a member of the ExCom, I hope to help increase the group's visibility at public functions and on multiple traditional and social media platforms.

As Chair of the St. Mary's Political Subcommittee, I have interacted with many of our local elected officials and candidates for office. I feel that this familiarity and open communication is a benefit to the Club.

Moving forward, I hope to foster greater education of officials on environmental issues and more active partnering to ensure that the local government is an ally, not an obstacle, in our fight for environmental protection.

I am an engineer, and I believe my knowledge of logistical and data analysis will be a benefit to the ExCom. I hope to introduce policies and procedures to make the functioning of the club more efficient, and help us to use our time and energy on the activities that have the most impact.

DAVID HARDY, Lusby, Calvert County

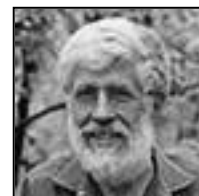


I have been a Sierra Club member and active in Calvert County for the past several years as a member of the Executive Committee and as Conservation Chair.

I participate in activities such as the Potomac River Swim, Patuxent River Appreciation Days, candidate interviews and forums, and hosting and attending environmental meetings and actions. I have spoken on environmental issues at County Commissioners' meetings and hearings, and also at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Public Service Commission. I participate in Lobby Night at Annapolis, sharing environmental concerns with our elected officials. I enjoy activism and environmental projects—currently, phragmites eradication and invasive plant removal in my community, assisting with Calvert Nature Society projects, and getting on the ham radio to promote parks with World Wide Flora and Fauna.

I hold two associate's degrees: an AAS in Forest Technology (Dabney Lancaster Community College 1975) and an AS in Nursing (Wesley College 1991). I have worked as a forest technician, park ranger, and park interpreter. I retired as Charge Nurse in Medical/Surgical nursing. I also served in the Marine Corps and Air Force Reserves; retiring as Civil Engineering Shop Superintendent with a rank of Master Sergeant.

MARC IMLAY, Bryans Road, Charles County



I would like to renew my position on the Southern Maryland ExCom. I am a conservation biologist (PhD) and currently Chair of the Natural Places Committee of the Maryland Sierra Club Chapter.

From 1967 to 1972, I was a Research Aquatic Biologist with the National Water Quality Laboratory in Duluth, Minnesota. I then became an Invertebrate Zoologist for the Office of Endangered Species of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where I was responsible for listing 36 species (25 mussels, 7 snails, 3 fish, 1 turtle). From 1980 to 2010, I served on the Executive and Conservation Committees for the Osage Group of the Sierra Club in Missouri and then for the Maryland Chapter. I've been Vice President of the Maryland Native Plant Society and on the boards of the Hui o Laka Center at Kokee State Park in Hawaii and the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council.

If re-elected to the Southern Maryland ExCom, I will continue to focus on invasive species control, endangered species protection, saving open space natural area habitat, Lyme disease prevention, deer control, and facilitating and leading natural places hikes.

BONNIE KELNBERGER, California, St. Mary's County

The Sierra Club is a leader in the grassroots environmental movement, and the Southern Maryland Group is no exception. The enthusiasm and commitment shown by this group to affect change in the tri-county region is inspiring. I want to be a part of that change.



I have experience as an outdoor leader, board member, volunteer, and employee for over eight different environmental non-profits. Each position exposed me to a different aspect of environmental non-profit work, and I plan to capitalize on those skills to assist the Southern Maryland Group in achieving local, state, and national goals.

In addition to supporting the current initiatives, I want to further develop and diversify the outings program. I believe that direct engagement with the environment leads to strong advocacy for the environment. The Sierra Club outings program, in particular, helps tie the love of the outdoors to tangible action. I plan to use my outdoor leadership and event planning experience to achieve a goal of a full calendar of outings in 2019.

CINDY PEIL, Dunkirk, Calvert County

Living in Calvert County, I'm aware of the need for advancing Sierra Club's goals in Southern Maryland. The landscape we enjoy must be improved and sustained for future generations.



The location of the Liquid Natural Gas Export Terminal in a densely populated area of Calvert County, five miles from two nuclear generators, with years of stored nuclear waste, reminds us that we must be tireless to promote renewable energy. We must insist these facilities do not expand or change operations in damaging ways. Helping people understand how the pollution and dangers from these facilities impact their lives will empower more people to join in putting pressure on politicians and corporations to make appropriate decisions.

I have been involved in advocating responsible actions by government officials and corporate entities to promote a clean renewable energy future, and to keep our air and water clean. I've presented information at hearings and worked to educate citizens and local leaders to act and protect land, water, and endangered species, curb climate change, and ensure safe and healthy communities. If elected, I will work to improve our environment by advocating for the use of clean renewable energy while opposing expansion of fossil fuel industry projects.

LEONARD ZUZA, Solomons, Calvert County

I became concerned about pollution in Southern Maryland when I began sailing out of Solomons in 1970. Initially, I experienced large mats of floating algae. Over time, I became aware of scientific studies that quantified the nutrients that fed these noxious blooms. In 2003, my wife and I decided to move to the Solomons area and I became a member of the Calvert County Environmental Commission. We also joined the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's oyster cultivation program in which we raised oysters at our dock. Not content with that, Karen and I formed the Southern Maryland Oyster Cultivation Society in 2008 and planted 12 million spat on 6 reefs that we restored along the Patuxent River.



In 2014, I began a study of the effectiveness of regulations to monitor/report on toxic pollution from the Dominion Cove Point Liquefaction Facility. As a result of my research and guidance from experts on public health, I found major shortfalls in regulations nominally designed to protect public health. I see membership in the ExCom of the Southern Maryland Sierra Club Group as an opportunity to fight pollution.

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The more informed you are, the more you can help Maryland's environment

As a Sierra Club member, you're a champion of the environment. You can increase your impact with one simple step: provide the Sierra Club with your email address.

The Club relies on email to keep members informed of environmental news and opportunities for action. We won't spam you; there are strict limits on the number of times we can contact you by email. The Club does not share or sell email addresses without your permission.

This ballot is the only newsletter you will receive this year because paper newsletters are cost-prohibitive. The monthly e-news is the only vehicle your Maryland Chapter can use to bring you up to date on triumphs, challenges, and opportunities to make a difference in Maryland.

Sign up now. Put your e-mail address on your ballot and send it in. It will keep you abreast of opportunities to transform your commitment to a better planet into effective action.

How to Vote

Please read all candidate statements before casting your ballot. All members can vote for Maryland Chapter at-large ExCom candidates. Group members should only vote for ExCom candidates representing their respective Group.

You can cast your ballot in one of two ways:

1. **Vote online at <http://sierraclub.org/maryland/club-elections>.** All electronic votes must be recorded by **December 15, 2018**.

OR

2. **Complete the paper ballot on the next page.** Detach the page and mail it to: Elections Committee, Maryland Chapter/Sierra Club, 7338 Baltimore Ave., Suite 102, College Park, MD 20740. Ballots must be postmarked by **December 15, 2018**.

You will need your membership number, which is printed on the address label of the Chesapeake, to complete the electronic or paper ballot. This is needed so the Election Committee can confirm that you are a Sierra Club member eligible to vote; your vote is confidential. If you have any problems with either ballot, please contact the Maryland Chapter Office at 301-277-7111.

Chapter and Group ExCom Paper Ballot

Maryland Chapter (page 2)

Your vote	Joint member only*	All Maryland Chapter members vote for up to 3:
		Alfred Bartlett
		Matthew Dernoga
		Krish O'Mara Vignarajah

Anne Arundel Group (page 3)

Your vote	Joint member only*	Anne Arundel County Group members vote for up to 2:
		Earl H. Bradley, Jr.
		Frederick (Rick) Kissel

Catoctin Group (page 4)

Your vote	Joint member only*	Frederick, Carroll, and Washington Counties Group members vote for up to 3:
		Elizabeth (Betty) Law
		George C. Rudy
		Paul Walker

Greater Baltimore Group (page 5)

Your vote	Joint member only*	Baltimore City, Baltimore and Harford Counties Group members vote for up to 3:
		Deborah "Spice" Kleinmann
		Kevin Kriescher
		Ava Richardson

Howard Group (pages 6-7)

Your vote	Joint member only*	Howard County Group members vote for up to 4:
		Karina Fisher
		Ian Moller-Knudsen
		Carolyn Parsa
		Donald Shaefer

Montgomery Group (pages 7-8)

Your vote	Joint member only*	Montgomery County Group members vote for up to 4:
		Brian E. Ditzler
		Bruce Simons Morton
		David W. Sears
		Partap Verma

Prince George's Group (pages 9-11)

Your vote	Joint member only*	Prince George's County Group members vote for up to 5:
		Sade Dada
		Na'ilah Dawkins
		Kenneth Healy
		Sydney Jacobs
		Nicholas C. Orrick
		Barbara Sollner-Webb

Southern Maryland Group (pages 11-13)

Your vote	Joint member only*	Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties Group members vote for up to 5:
		Bob Boxwell
		Benjamin Hance
		David Hardy
		Marc Imlay
		Bonnie Kelnberger
		Cindy Peil
		Leonard Zuza

Note: There are no active groups in Western Maryland or on the Eastern Shore at this time.

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