

Nancy Muma

I am passionate about reducing climate change and plastic toxicity and will bring this passion to the Wakarusa group and the Kansas Sierra Club. I now have more time to devote to climate issues since I recently retired from being a professor and the Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Kansas. My former profession brings scientific expertise and leadership experience. I am currently the chair of the Lawrence Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board and have been the chair of the Wakarusa Group for the past few years. We have been able to get a single-use plastic bag ban in Lawrence and plan to help other communities in Kansas do the same. We are also planning to campaign for additional ordinances in Lawrence to reduce plastic use in the city.

Kent Rowe

Fifteen plus years of participation in outings, lobbying, campaign efforts, and social outreach has afforded me to continue this work. Presently I am vice chair of the Energy Committee for Kansas Sierra Club. Strong points are in technical knowledge in Engineering, Chemistry, Biology, and Native American culture & science. Chickasaw speaker and Osage script design. My aspirations include adopting more indigenous practices and ethos into Sierra Club's guidance. I am retired Prof. Aero. Science for the USAF, have worked in petroleum refining, chemical industry, public health, and research in toxicology. Moreover, I am state co-chair and former elected mayor from the Kansas Green Party.

Jeffrey Gorski

As a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, I directed a grant-supported biomedical research program until my recent retirement. Having also lectured for 40 years I am also comfortable as a public speaker/communicator of technical subjects. This evidence-based skillset is needed in ongoing and future local and statewide discussions of issues including water conservation, land use, pollution, energy conservation, nuclear power, and recreation. In addition, I would work toward improving science education in elementary and secondary schools. I believe Sierra Club has a strong historical brand known for honesty and integrity in environmental matters worth fighting for. I am willing to work with Sierra Club to improve the environment of the State of Kansas in all these areas.

Steven Canfield

I am Stephen Canfield, I am running because I believe in science and protecting the environment. I have experience in software, testing, technology and music. What excites me is converting our energy systems from fossil fuels to solar and wind energy. I would like to improve Wichita and Kansas with clean energy and cleaning up our air and water systems.

Jennifer Hess

Hello, my name is Jennifer Hess and I am running for Sierra Club office. I am running because I have a passion for protecting our environment! I have experience with political advocacy and what excites me most about the future of the organization is helping to make it as vibrant and impactful as possible! If elected, I hope to be a strong advocate for the causes of the organization both at the state and federal level and to further the mission of our group.

Jennifer Connelly

I grew up during the Arab oil embargo in the 70s. My dad and Jimmy Carter gave me the passion to realize how important our environment is to all of us. I've carried that passion with me through my entire adult life. I have done my best at advocating, whether it was through tabling events, including those in low income neighborhoods or citizen lobbying. I love working with kids with skits and fun entertainment about environmental issues like pollinators, plastics, oil, and gas at the same time, trying to educate their parents. I often organize food and social hour at our local Southwind events.

Katie Hasty

I'm a Kansas native who moved to Lawrence from KCMO two years ago. As I've been completing my three-year term on the Missouri ExCom, I've served as Chapter Chair and as Missouri's delegate to the Council of Club Leaders. I founded the MO Chapter's first Communications & Membership Committee, recruited new volunteers, and wrote resolutions, fundraising letters, scripts, and internal memos across the Chapter and the Thomas Hart Benton Group. I love the Sierra Club want to bring my volunteer and professional experience in strategic planning, data analytics, and media to Kansas, to build stronger connections between leaders, Groups, and across state lines. My hope is to help grow stronger outings, event programming, partnerships, and communication channels.

Kathleen Harned

I am currently the Vice Chair of the Wakarusa Group & a KS Chapter Alternate Delegate. I am involved with many community and environmental issues. I have played a key role in creating educational events about Green Hydrogen and the New Nuclear Power that is coming to Kansas. A community educational event about battery storage, is in the planning stage. I have been involved with community awareness programs regarding Evergy, and now there is a need to inform the public about the resurgence of facts regarding the groundwater toxins near the Lawrence Energy Center. Last year I completed FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team Training to become a part of the Department of Homeland Security's Citizen Corps. Recently, I also completed the United Way Board Leadership Training Series.

Mimi Moffat

Imagine a brighter, greener future for Kansas. If you're reading this, you care. So do I. Together, we can make a difference. There is no Planet B. That's why we campaign against dirty data centers and poorly regulated factory farms. That's why we fight for clean air and water, renewable energy, wildlife protection, and a climate action plan. That's why I work on vital chapter teams - communications, fundraising, finance, legal - which support our advocacy. Your vote will empower me to use my skills and experience for key chapter decision making in the next two years. Political endorsements, legislative and advocacy priorities, hiring more staff, expanding our outings program, recruiting younger members. Every decision matters and I want to be part of the process.

Felix Revello

My interest in continuing on the Kansas Chapter ExCom stems from knowing that Global Warming and all the other related/unrelated issues are "time critical". I will cooperate with other Sierra Club members prioritize our fights to focus enough resources to win them. We won't allow a regressive President and compliant congress to lead our nation and planet into disaster. I am dedicated to forcefully advocating for our environment whoever is President. Experiences gained in desegregation marches tell me that courageous, relentless advocacy will enable us to overcome all obstacles. As 2025 volunteer of the year, I will continue to challenge all of us to forcefully advocate for our environment at every opportunity by working closely with each other and partnering organizations.

Dawn Hawkins

I live in rural Douglas County and have been an advocate for environmental and social justice for decades. I currently serve as the Kansas Chapter Executive Committee Vice Chair and Delegate to the national, volunteer SC Council of Club Leaders, and I participate in multiple Chapter committees and the Wakarusa Group (Lawrence area). I want to build on what I have learned so far in my Sierra Club leadership roles, and I am excited about what we can do now that we have two full-time employees to support our grassroots, volunteer network. I love the Sierra Club's mission to educate, advocate, and legislate to protect the environment, and to bring people together outdoors to enjoy and project nature. Let's work together to protect Kansas water, air, soil, wildlife, and wild places!

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