

Southwind Group Candidate Statements

Holger Meyer

During my past term on the board the Southwind group has been effective in organizing monthly meetings to keep members engaged as well as pursuing policy objectives such as advocating for renewable energy. We are a small team working well together. I also have gotten to know some of the people in Kansas Chapter and other Kansas groups. If elected, I will continue to work toward environmental justice in Kansas. As a professor of physics sometimes I provide relevant technical expertise.

Stuart Bolt

My name is Stuart Bolt. I live in Wichita and have been a member since 1998. I have held many positions in the state and local Sierra Club. I am running for Southwind ExCom to continue my work to protect the environment and enhance Sierra Club's impact. I have always enjoyed getting out in nature by hiking, camping and canoeing. Running my own business for many years, I have developed my administrative skills like strategizing and planning on campaigns, budgeting, communications and promotions, and even IT work. The Sierra Club has expanded these abilities and added things like fundraising and membership campaigns. I see the future of Sierra Club to begin an exciting phase. I want to continue to be vital in introducing the members to this remake of Sierra Club.

Stephen 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.

Toni Jackman

Four years in the US Diplomatic Service, 20 plus years teaching Environmental Geology at the university level, including reestablishment of a very active Wichita State University Green Group; 4 years as Center Director for SGS "Center for Wildlife Management Studies" in Kenya -where we worked closely with local communities and nonprofit groups on environmental projects, have provided. experience and an appreciation for the type of work that Sierra Club does. While efforts to defeat proposed laws, actions, and regulatory changes injurious to the environment is an extremely important role for the organization, I would also like to see the Club initiate and participate in positive activities locally. Small successes can encourage young people to engage even in a time of pessimism.