



## **New Mount Vernon Group Leadership**

**By Dean Amel**

Every January, the volunteer leadership of the Mount Vernon Group has a planning meeting for the year ahead. At this year's meeting, four Executive Committee members were welcomed back after being re-elected by the Group's membership: Jenny Abel, Rick Keller, Pat Soriano and Rob Swennes. Ray Atkinson was welcomed as a newly elected member.

The slate of officers for 2018 will remain the same as 2017: Dean Amel, chair; John Bloom, vice chair; Rob Swennes, secretary; and Jenny Abel, treasurer.

Among other important volunteer positions, Mary Kadera will continue as newsletter editor; Sarah Ayling will continue as webmaster; John Bloom will remain the group's delegate to the Virginia Chapter Executive Committee, with Colin Nackerman as alternate delegate; Pat Soriano agreed to continue her work as political chair, with help from Rick Keller and others; Jenny Abel will take over as conservation chair; and Ray Atkinson and Steve Banashek will be transportation issues co-chairs.

In addition, Rob Swennes will serve as membership chair and volunteer coordinator, Seth Heald will be legislative chair, Ana Prados will continue as air quality chair, Carolyn Lyle will fill the role of equity and inclusion chair, Jenny Abel will be environmental education chair, Ray Atkinson will be land use and local parks chair, Pat Soriano will be national parks chair, Rick Keller as energy chair, and Jenny Abel and Dean Amel will be recycling and solid waste issue co-chairs.

If you would like to become active in the work of our local group, please reach out to these leaders. Their email addresses can be found on the Mount Vernon Group website at <https://www.sierraclub.org/virginia/mount-vernon/about-us>.

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