2022 Maidu Election Candidate Statements
2022-2023 term ExCom Candidates

Laurie Blazich
It has been a pleasure serving as secretary of the Maidu Group executive committee. I would like to continue in that role. To say the least, this has been an eventful two years during which the environmental crisis has come to the forefront. I so admire the members of this group for their knowledge and activism! And persistence through these difficult times. I deeply appreciate being able to participate with this great group. It is exciting to have more involvement with other groups in our region. I hope that in the year ahead we can resume some in-person activities and meetings, including our Earth Day booth.

Brie Furnis-Lawrence
Hello, my name is Brie Furnis-Lawrence, and I would like to be considered for re-election to the Executive Committee of the Maidu Group. I would like to serve a second term on the Executive Committee because I desire to act as a community to protect the life-giving ecosystems which make this world habitable. During my first term, I acted as Vice-President, assisted with evaluation of High School students for Sierra Club Scholarship, became a Climate Steward, participated in the Climate Action Committee, increased my backpacking and hiking in Desolation Wilderness, and have become familiar with hardening my home for fire. I continue to cook my food in a solar oven when weather permits, and utilize vermiculture to process my food scraps. I am hoping in my next term to work more on engaging my local community in reducing their carbon footprint, increase opportunities for more enjoyment of the outdoors and reducing methane production by assisting community member in establishing home vermiculture or composting. Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Shumrak
I have served as the Maidu Group Treasurer for over 2 years. A year ago I accepted the appointment to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee. I am a recently retired CPA with 40 years of experience which includes working with not for profit organizations. I look forward to continuing my work in support of local environmental advocacy by the Sierra Club Maidu Group.