

# Election Ballot for Chickasaw Group Executive Committee

## 2022 - 2023 Term

**Please note that ONLY paper mail-in ballots are available for this year's ballot. No electronic ballot is available.**

You are in the Chickasaw Group if you live in one of these West Tennessee counties: Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison; McNairy, Obion, Shelby, Tipton or Weakley. Please vote for the election of three (3) members of the Chickasaw Group Executive Committee (ExCom), each having a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023.

Successful candidates will join our other ExCom members in guiding our Group's actions. Ballots must be received no later than December 15, 2021 to be valid. Only current members as of November 1, 2021, may vote. Joint members must use the same ballot. Single Members or each Joint Member should vote for no more than three (3) candidates. The order of candidates on the ballot was determined by drawing names at random.

### VOTE HERE FOR CHICKASAW GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES:

<u>Chickasaw Group</u>	<u>Single Member or</u>	
<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Joint Member</u>	<u>Second Joint Member</u>
	-Max 3 votes -	- Max 3 votes -
Shenée Simon	_____	_____
Carl Richards	_____	_____
Charlie Belenky	_____	_____

Only current members as of November 1, 2021, may vote! Place both Group and At-Large ballots in the same envelope. Seal and write "Ballot" and your county on that same envelope. Place your "Ballot" envelope in a second envelope for mailing. Write your name, address, and Sierra Club membership number in the upper left hand corner of the mailing envelope. Your membership number is located to the left of your name on the mailing label of your Tennes-Sierran.

- Envelopes without name, address, and membership number cannot be counted.

- Mail promptly! Ballots must be received no later than December 15, 2021, to be valid.

Mail ballot promptly to: **Dr. Cris Corley**  
**294 Braid Dr., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122**

**PLEASE READ: Paper ballots must be properly submitted to be counted.**

### Candidate Bios

**Shenée Simon** brings high energy and strategic thinking for the inclusion of girls/women and girls/women of color across communities and borders with a deep commitment for their peace, safety and security where they live, learn, work, play and pray. In 2019 Shenée founded S.H.E. Collective, LLC, a niche organization to shift and challenge how we regard and name peace, safety and security for girls and women, connecting U.N. resolutions and UNSDGs to state and local education, health and environment programs and policies. Previously, Shenée spent twelve years in for-profit and nonprofit spaces.

Shenée is a 2021 Truman National Project Security Fellow, 2020 Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security Fellow. She currently serves as the United State of Women's Ambassador for Tennessee, serves on Advisory Boards for City of Bartlett Parks and Recreation, and the Working Group on Girls. Shenée holds an MA in Women and Gender Studies and Human Resources Management with a concentration in Nonprofit Management and a BA in Women's Studies and Leadership Studies. She is conversant in French. Shenée is a Virginia native and currently calls Memphis, Tennessee home with her husband, two daughters and two sons, proud homeschooling Army family!

**Carl Richards:** I am a retired aquatic scientist residing in Memphis, Tennessee. I relocated to Memphis just prior to the pandemic to be near family. Although I have not been active with the Sierra Club throughout most of my career I have long appreciated the thoughtful approach that the Sierra Club takes on most thorny environmental issues. Recently I have enjoyed interacting with both Chickasaw Group and Tennessee Chapter members on several local and regional problems as they've unfolded. I believe the true strength of the Sierra Club lies in the strength and energy found at the local group level and I would like to assist in continuing the success of the Chickasaw Group in Memphis and Western Tennessee. I'm interested in many environmental issues but I'm particularly interested in water-related problems. I've had a diverse professional career leading research in water resource problems for Tribal, State, Federal, and private entities across the U.S. as a professor, researcher, and administrator with the University of Minnesota and as the Director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Research and Development Laboratory in Minnesota which focused on resolving environmental problems in freshwaters of the U.S.

**Charlie Belenky:** I have always tried to live lightly on the planet and to raise my voice at what I consider mistakes. Since joining Sierra Club in 2016 I have gone on outings, attended chapter retreats, served on the ExCom (Chair since Fall 2020) and the Communications Committee. I am also active with MICAHA (a faith-based social justice organization) and support the Poor People's Campaign. In my youth I was a Boy Scout. I once was arrested at Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. The Byhalia Pipeline opposition has taught me the importance of centering those most affected by a project to lead the opposition to it. I believe we must recruit, engage and mentor a younger and more diverse group of potential leaders.