

Election Ballot for Harvey Broome 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 Harvey Broome Group if you live in one of these counties: Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Fentress, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Pickett, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Sullivan, Union, Unicoi, or Washington. Please vote for the election of six (6) members of the Harvey Broome 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 six (6) candidates. The order of candidates on the ballot was determined by drawing names at random.

VOTE HERE FOR HARVEY BROOME GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES:

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

<u>Harvey Broome Group Candidates</u>	<u>Single Member or First Joint Member</u> - Max 6 votes -	<u>Second Joint Member</u> - Max 6 votes -
Axel Ringe	_____	_____
Kristine Johnson	_____	_____
Julie Elfin	_____	_____
Stefen White	_____	_____
Maggie Longmire	_____	_____
Dr. Melanie Mayes	_____	_____

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

Candidate Bios

Axel Ringe: I would like to be re-elected to the Harvey Broome Group ExCom. I have an academic background in the natural sciences and am retired from the US Department of Energy. I have served on the HBG ExCom continuously since 2001 and have held the position of Group Chair (for four years) and currently serve as co-Conservation/Political Chair. In addition, I hold or have held several positions in the TN Chapter ExCom, including Conservation Chair, Legal Chair, Water Quality Committee Chair, and Biodiversity Committee Chair. I consider myself to be a committed activist and believe I can continue to be an asset to the Harvey Broome Group.

Kristine Johnson is currently completing two years of service as a member of the Harvey Broome Group Executive Committee and would appreciate support for a second term. The Sierra Club provides a unique, unified, and powerful voice for environmental policy and social justice in local, regional, and national issues. While the pandemic limited HBG activities, the Ex Com moved forward with many initiatives and programs and Ms. Johnson was able to participate in each monthly meeting and respond in a timely manner to called votes and requests for information. She appreciated the lively yet congenial discussions and well-informed decisions made by the group. Ms. Johnson grew up in rural southeast Tennessee with parents who were Sierra Club members, active in Boy/Girl Scouting, and advocates for social justice. She earned a Master of Science in Forestry from the University of TN and has served as a federal employee specializing in natural resource management for over 40 years. She is a board member and past president of the TN Invasive Plant Council and has served her local community of Pittman Center on Firewise Committee, Tree Board and Planning Commission. Hobbies include hiking, playing the flute and current events.

Julie Elfin has served as editor-in-chief of the HBG newsletter since February 2021 and is excited to deepen her involvement as an ExCom member. Julie has been a Sierra Club member since 2013 and has organized for fossil fuel divestment, renewable energy, and environmental justice ever since. As a young adult herself, Julie understands the importance of adapting traditional activism to collaborate with new partners and appeal to younger generations. To this end, she recently created an Instagram account for HBG. As an ExCom member, Julie would prioritize seeking out diverse perspectives and building coalitions to improve the East Tennessee environment for all residents. She uses the HBG newsletter to highlight the work of allies like the Sunrise Movement, SEED, and SOCM. Julie lives in Knoxville with her girlfriend, Nora, and their cats, Theo and Banjo. She works as a park ranger in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and previously educated local students about the environment through AmeriCorps positions with the Water Quality Forum in Knoxville and Discover Life in America in the Smokies.

Stefen White was born to Jacita and Joseph White on March 9th in 1989 in Nuremberg, Germany and was raised in Knoxville, TN. Stefen graduated from Austin-East Magnet High School in 2007, graduated from Rust College in 2011 with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration, and started and is completing a Master's of Science in Instruction and Curriculum Leadership and a Master's of Arts in Liberal Studies at the University of Memphis. Stefen has a passion for economic development, business/organizational development, investing, entrepreneurship, entertainment, health—mental and physical. He is a Co-founder and CEO of Allinwon, a growing startup (LLC) that is a financial institution dedicated to increasing the rate of experiential learning and the diversification of personalized curriculum and personalized experiences for all subjects/studies. Allinwon has won awards, and is establishing itself by providing a business accelerator called the Allinwon-a-thon that utilizes proprietary technology and the inclusion and resources of the community to intentionally help business and people grow. Stefen has also held numerous positions with various organizations including being an Intake Specialist with Knox County CAC, the Veterans Program Coordinator with The East Tennessee Technology Access Center, and the Curriculum Director with SEED, while also having volunteer experiences. Stefen believes in abundance and the capability of all people to contribute to everyone having the most fulfilling life & world possible. These goals are made possible with the dedicated support of the strategic sharing of understanding and resources.

Maggie Longmire: I came to Knoxville in 1966 from Norris, TN to attend U.T.K. majoring in Sociology. I am a professional singer and musician. I have written and recorded 4 CD's. I owned a leather manufacturing company for 20+ yrs. I helped to organize "Sing for the Climate" in 2019 to raise Climate Awareness in Knoxville. I use music as a vehicle for my activism as a singer/songwriter. I joined the Sierra Club to learn how I could help mitigate the consequences of using fossil fuels. As a current ExCom member, I serve as Membership Chair. As a member of the Political and Conservation Teams, together we: participate in political candidate endorsements processes; build relationships with City Council members; produced 2 videos interviewing endorsed candidates running at state level; support "Freeze the Fees" and weatherization programs; build relationships with SEED, Appalachian Voices, S.A.C.E, and Sunrise Movement; support Claxton Community near Bull Run Fossil Fuel Plant as closure approaches and residual Coal Ash threatens the region; and support Kingston Coal Ash Workers and their fight for justice. I want to continue to advocate for renewable energy and environmental justice and leave an inheritable planet for our children. I would be honored to continue to serve if selected. Sincerely, Maggie Longmire

Dr. Melanie Mayes is a geologist and Senior Scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and a Joint Faculty with the University of Tennessee. Melanie's two-decade research career involves relationships between soil carbon, greenhouse gases, and climate; remedial solutions for mercury contamination; and radionuclide and heavy metal migration in soils. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a Lead Editor of the U.S. Global Change Research Program's Second State of the Carbon Cycle Report. She presented the report's findings to the Tennessee Sierra Club Annual Meeting and the Harvey Broome Group. Melanie is an avid hiker, having logged over 10,000 miles in the Appalachian Mountains. She serves as the Chair of WaysSouth, a non-profit promoting environmentally and fiscally responsible transportation projects in Appalachia. She is a past Board member of the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning and served as a science advisor to the Lundquist Environmental Appalachian Fellowship. Melanie can contribute to the mission of the Harvey Broome Group with her expertise in subsurface hydrology and metal contamination, can speak to the public about climate change and its effects, and would love to contribute to the Third Edition of the Cherokee National Forest Hiking Guide to the fabulous mountains of eastern Tennessee.