

Election Ballot for Middle Tennessee 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 Middle Tennessee Group if you live in one of these counties: Bedford, Cannon, Cheatham, Clay, Davidson, DeKalb, Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Wayne, Williamson and Wilson. Please vote for the election of four (4) members of the Middle Tennessee 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 four (4) candidates. The order of candidates on the ballot was determined by drawing names at random.

VOTE HERE FOR MIDDLE TENNESSEE GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES:

<u>Middle Tennessee Group Candidates</u>	<u>Single Member or First Joint Member</u> - Max 4 votes -	<u>Second Joint Member</u> - Max 4 votes -
Diane Scher	_____	_____
Mary High	_____	_____
Jack McFadden	_____	_____
Karen McIntyre	_____	_____

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

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 this *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

Diane Scher has been on the Executive Committee for two years. She retired from Bridgestone as an environmental manager for manufacturing operations for over 20 years. She is originally from New York and has lived in Nashville nearing 40 years. She has become a native plant enthusiast and works on wildlife habitat restoration on her 35-acre property in Joelton, Tennessee.

Mary High: I have been a member of Sierra Club for nearly five years, and I have performed the duties of Secretary for the Middle Tennessee Group for most of that time. I work in healthcare finance and spend my free time with a close group of friends and family here in Nashville. I attended University of Tennessee at Knoxville where I was involved with the Progressive Student Alliance and United Campus Workers-CWA. I have volunteered for and attended numerous MTG events and outings. I enjoy spending time in nature and especially love spotting wildlife. I'm very proud of the work that Sierra Club does to protect the environment, particularly the Middle Tennessee Group. I would be happy to represent MTG ExCom, and I thank you for your consideration.

Jack McFadden's history of support for environmental responsibility began as part of a team organizing events on his college campus for the very first Earth Day. Jack spent the early part of his professional life utilizing video technology in education and community development before transitioning to Information Technology positions in telecommunications and planning. Since retirement in 2018, he has been active in support of program planning for the Middle Tennessee Group, and has served on its Executive Committee for the past year. He is committed to practicing environmental sustainability and has volunteered for tree planting and other activities to support our natural landscape with the Cumberland River Compact. He is also an avid hiker and has introduced family and quite a few friends to the many wonderful trails and natural areas available to us in Nashville area parks and reserves.

Karen McIntyre: I grew up surrounded by people who loved nature, spending summers by the Gallatin River in Montana and winter weekends with a park ranger uncle on after-dinner walks in the woods. I serve as Westmeade Elementary School Librarian (Nashville, TN) introducing children to books and nature. I received a BA degree in history from Chapman University, an MLIS from the University of North Texas, and an M.Ed. in reading from Eastern New Mexico University. I'm a member of many environmental organizations including TIPL and Westend UMC Creation Care. For twelve years, I have worked to bring outdoor education to Westmeade. During this time programs to redirect untouched food to the Rescue Mission in Nashville rescued 10,000 pounds of food in 2½ years. In 2019 composting of cafeteria waste began. In 2020, many conservation organizations, businesses and individuals mounted a successful campaign to get Metro Nashville Public Schools to fully adopt sustainability. The district agreed and students completed a Nashville Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. Metro Council passed a proclamation honoring MNPS and accepting the COBOR in January 2021. This is only the beginning of the impact we hope to have locally in limiting our carbon footprint and re-establishing wildlife habitat.