

NOMINATION PACKET FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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GROUP _____ (specify name of Group)

Dear Member Applicant,

Thank you for considering running for a seat on the Executive Committee for the Mother Lode Chapter of the Sierra Club, or your local Group. Elected members will serve a two-year term beginning in January 2025.

The Executive Committees (ExComs) are the governing bodies of the local Sierra Club. Each Group Executive Committee manages the budget, activities, conservation, and political work in its region. There are eleven Groups in our Chapter, and between 5-10 elected members in a Group's ExCom, depending on the individual bylaws of each Group. The two-year terms of elected members are staggered, roughly half one year, and half the next year.

To submit your name to the Nominations and Elections Committee for consideration as a committee nominee, please make a document with the questions on pages 3 and 4. Name your document "Chapter" and your last name. Like this: **Chapter_Gonzalez**

Send your application by **Monday, November 26, 2024**, to info@mlc.sierraclub.org or if you have any questions, with the **subject line**: candidate.

You will be notified whether you were nominated by the Nominations and Elections Committee by Friday, November 26.

If you are not nominated and are still interested in running, you may become a nominee by petition. For petition procedures, please see Part 4 of this Nomination Packet or email info@mlc.sierraclub.org. The deadline for turning in petitions is Friday, November 26.

All candidates for ExComs, nominated or qualified by petition, will be listed on the ballot in the Winter *Bonanza*. You will be asked to submit a full-face photograph and a short candidate statement for inclusion in the *Bonanza* Election Supplement. Statements and photos are due Monday, November 27. Instructions are attached as Part 2.

Note: Sierra Club membership, effective no later than Wednesday, November 30, is required for those wishing to run for office. To vote in the election, you need to be a member in the Sierra Club database as of Monday, December 6. Be aware that there is some delay from the day that one sends in one's membership form (even if one does so electronically) to the day that it is effective and appears in the database.

Please keep in mind that our Election Rules and Guidelines encourage campaigning that is positive, issue-oriented, and in keeping with the goals of the Sierra Club. Each candidate and anyone acting on behalf of a candidate, is expected to treat every other candidate with courtesy, dignity, and respect.

Thank you for your interest in serving on your local Executive Committee.

2025 MLC Chapter Nominations Committee
Grace Anderson, Sam Bhakta, and Barbara Rivenes

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Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter
Key Timeline Dates for Nomination and Election Process

Chapter Election Calendar

Date	Description
Friday, Nov 22, 2024	11:59 pm - Nominations Close - Deadline for return of candidates' questionnaires
Tuesday, Nov 26	NomCom notify Chapter/Group ExComs of nominated candidates
Wednesday, Nov 27	11:59 pm - Deadline for petition candidates to turn in petitions.
Friday, Nov 29	11:59 pm - Deadline for candidates to turn in statements and photos to Chapter NomCom
Sunday, Dec 1	Date by when you need to be a member in the Club database to vote in the election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This is no more than one week before the electronic ballot becomes live. ● Bonanza and postcard mailing labels are printed – this is the list of eligible voters
Monday, Dec 2	Bonanza with ballot link scheduled to be mailed to members.
Fri, Jan 6	11:59 pm - Election closes; all ballots must be received .
Mon, Jan 9	9am – 1 pm Chapter Office. Ballots counted. Lunch and celebration. All members are welcome to join in or observe.
Tue, Jan 9	Candidates are contacted with ballot results.
TBA, 2025	Chapter ExCom meets and certifies election results in our Chapter's January Meeting.

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Candidate Questionnaire

Name:

Address:

Phone (evening):

Text OK? circle : yes no

Phone (daytime):

Email address:

Sierra Club membership # (see Ballot label)

Sierra Club member since:

Please answer all questions below. If you need more space, attach additional sheets.

1. Why are you running for this Executive Committee?

2. List the entities within the Sierra Club (Group, Chapter, State, National, or other committees) to which you belong and dates of membership. Include offices and dates held.

Organization

Dates

3. List other Sierra Club activities (events, hikes, etc.) in which you have been regularly involved.

Activities

Dates

4. List environmental organizations other than the Sierra Club to which you belong.

5. Briefly describe your environmental activities outside the Sierra Club.

6. Estimate the number of hours per month you presently spend on all volunteer activities.

Sierra Club _____

Non-Sierra Club _____

7. What leadership skills would you bring to this Executive Committee?

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What professional or technical skills would you bring to the Executive Committee? Check all that apply, and give details below:

_____ Management

_____ Publishing

_____ Budgeting/Finance

_____ Grassroots organizing

_____ Fundraising

_____ Knowledge of specific issues

_____ Volunteer organizing

_____ Knowledge of community interests or concerns

_____ Environmental law

_____ Ethnic diversity

_____ Computer or internet knowledge

_____ Social media skills

_____ Other

8. Service on an Executive Committee requires a considerable time commitment. In addition to attending a quarterly meeting, members of a regional Executive Committee may be expected to serve on one or more of the chapter's or group's standing committees. Will this present any problems for you? If so, please describe them.
9. The Executive Committee is regularly called upon to make decisions on controversial issues affecting both the Sierra Club and our community. Do you have any conflicts of interest that might make it difficult for you to make such decisions?
10. What do you consider to be the most important issues facing your region?

Signed _____

Date _____