



2017 Annual General Meeting

BOARD BIOGRAPHIES

NOMINEE FOR ELECTION, FIRST TERM:

Margret Asmuss has been the Sustainability Coordinator at the U of S Office of Sustainability since 2004. Before that, she spent many years as the Energy Projects Coordinator for the Saskatchewan Environmental Society and was also co-owner of Community Solutions Consulting, a community development consulting company. She also spent a few years on the SES board in the early 1980s. Margret received her Master's in Continuing Education at the University of Saskatchewan. In her free time Margret gardens, plays with her dog and tries to improve her fiddle and guitar playing. She also likes rescuing and rehabilitating abandoned and derelict garden gnomes from garages sales and flea markets.

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS SEEKING RE-ELECTION:

Sarina Gersher grew up in Saskatoon and has been an active SES member since 2012. She completed a BSc Honours Land Use and Environmental Studies, with a focus in Physical Geography and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from the University of Saskatchewan. She currently works as a GIS Analyst and Mapping Technician with the Meewasin Valley Authority. In pursuing her passion for the environment, Sarina volunteers with SES, Saskatchewan Eco-Network (SEN), Bus Riders of Saskatoon, Next Up and the Saskatchewan Citizens' Hearings on Climate Change. Over the past two years, Sarina has served as a Youth Affiliate for the SES Board of Directors. Sarina actively works for social and environmental change within her community, with a special concern for climate change.

Margaret McKechney – Born and raised in Saskatchewan, I love this land and have a passion for the environment. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology from the University of Saskatchewan, and a Master's of Divinity from St Andrew's College, U of S., which led to careers as a Clinical Psychologist and minister in the United Church of Canada. I have served on Boards and committees at the local, provincial and national level. Through petitions, writings, liturgies, activism, I have been an advocate for Earth justice for decades. In joining the Board of SES, I bring to it a deep concern about the continued increase in green house gas emissions; the extension of tar sands development in unsustainable ways; and the conservation of our water resources, precious wetlands and natural prairie. In addition to the Board, I have participated in the Climate Friendly Zone project.

Sheri Praski and her family live on an acreage near Saskatoon in an energy-conscious home (which they designed) and grow much of their own produce. Sheri is an environmental consultant and is currently the Executive Director with SWANA NLC (Solid Waste Association of North America - Northern Lights Chapter). Sheri worked with the City of Saskatoon for 5 years as the Manager of the Environmental Services Branch; with Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation for 7 years; and in Environmental Consulting for a few years. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan and is a Professional Engineer and a Fellow of Engineers Canada. Sheri is active on several environmental boards and committees. Sheri is married to Jason Praski, an engineer who shares her passion for environmental issues, and they have two children.



W.J. (Bill) Wardell is a partner in the Saskatoon law firm of Wardell Gillis. Bill and Florence are active cattle and grain farmers on land near Floral Saskatchewan, where they live. Before entering private practice, Bill spent fifteen years helping to establish the legal aid system in Saskatchewan, teaching law at the College of Law, as well as co-founding the Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan (PLEA). He has served a number of organizations, including the Riverbend Presbytery on behalf of the Clavet United Church, the Board of SaskTel (05-08) as Chair of Environment and H.R. Committee and as a member of the Governance committee. Bill served three years as President and Chair of the Board of the Saskatoon Co-op. Bill has a keen interest in environmental issues. His daughter, Ellen, has just completed her Master of Architecture, University of British Columbia. Ellen has previous degrees from the University of Saskatchewan, in Physical Geography and the RUDD Program and is now an Architectural Intern with ADBOT in Saskatoon His wife, Florence, and daughter, Leslie, are family doctors practicing together with City Centre Family Physicians. Leslie and Andrew, have two young sons, aged 3 and 1 years old respectively. Stephan recently completed his Cardiology Fellowship at Royal University Hospital, and is currently continuing his work in Calgary on scholarship, taking further training in Electrophysiology. He and his wife, Megan, have two young children.

Bert Weichel is a lecturer in environmental studies and physical geography at the University of Saskatchewan and also a principal in the environmental consulting partnership, *Johnson and Weichel*. Bert has been active on the board of SES for the past 30 years, including as president. He is also a past chairperson and current board member of the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council, serves as secretary treasurer on the board of the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp., and is also on the SES Solar Co-op board. After raising their daughter Kaity and son Ky, Bert and his wife Judy Haraldson, a weaver, spinner and fibre arts teacher, now generate solar power, keep poultry and sheep, grow a large vegetable garden, and harbour a wide diversity of native flora and fauna, on land near Pike Lake.

BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUING INTO SECOND YEAR OF THEIR TERM:

Ann Coxworth has been a member of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society's board of directors for the past 30 years and continues to volunteer on research and organisational tasks. She has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Durham, U.K., a Master of Arts from Smith College, Mass., USA and a Master of Science in nuclear chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research experience was gained at the Lawrence Berkeley Radiation Lab in California and the Windscale Sellafield Lab in Cumbria, UK. After moving to Canada with her husband, raising a family, and taking training in adult education, she has worked in the Saskatchewan Community College system and done extensive volunteer work in environmental and international peace and development areas. During the 1990s she was a member of the board of directors of the Saskatchewan Energy Conservation and Development Authority and was part of SaskPower's Electrical Energy Options Review Panel. She was a founding member of the Canadian Climate Action Network and has served as a board member of the Canadian Environmental Network and of the Meewasin Valley Authority. As a representative of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society she has participated in many environmental assessment review processes, stakeholder task groups and consultations.



Bob Halliday is president of R. Halliday & Associates and has practiced as a consulting engineer in Saskatoon for more than 15 years. He previously worked for Environment Canada and is a former director of Canada's National Hydrology Research Centre. Company projects concern interjurisdictional water management, floodplain management and effects of climate change on water resources. Projects have also included the preparation of state of the basin reports for the Saskatchewan River basin and for the Beaver River basin in Alberta. Bob has served on several International Joint Commission boards and other Canada-United States water-related entities. He is a former alternate member of the Prairie Provinces Water Board and was a founding member of the Advisory Council for international Project WET – a water education initiative. Bob is currently board chair of the Partners For the Saskatchewan River Basin. Bob's interests include water and energy matters, old buildings, science history, and ancient civilizations. He is in the process of trying to become more retired.

David Henry has been an active member of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society since 2008. In 2007, he retired from his position as conservation ecologist for Parks Canada in the Yukon Territory. In that work, he developed an ecological monitoring program for each national park in the Yukon. This program assesses the ecological integrity of these parks and the effectiveness of certain programs used to restore that integrity. David has earned a Ph.D. in behavioural ecology from the University of Calgary. He is presently an Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary. In the past working with others, he coordinated the public campaigns that were instrumental in the establishment Grasslands National Park and the revision of Canada's National Parks Act. He has served on the Board of Directors of Nature Saskatchewan and as National President of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS). He has recently served as a scientific advisor to the British Broadcast Corporation concerning their television program on the boreal forest. His latest book is entitled Canada's Boreal Forest published by Smithsonian Institution Press. In 2014 CPAWS awarded David the J. B. Harkin Medal for Conservation in order to recognize his lifetime contribution to national parks, protected areas and conservation in general.

Murray Hidlebaugh retired after thirty-five years working in the recreation field. Three years were spent as a field consultant working in rural and northern Saskatchewan. Thirty-two years were spent teaching in what is now the Recreation and Tourism Department at SIAST, Kelsey Campus. His background is in urban and regional planning from a recreation perspective. He was involved in dam studies at Wintego Falls, on the Churchill River, the Nipawin Dam and Codette Lake project, as well as a series of dams proposed for the Saskatchewan River. He is currently involved in working with groups who are interested in promoting land and water uses that are environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable. He is appointed to the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association's Parks Land Use Committee, and to the Advocacy Sub-Committee. He is married and with his wife, Jeanette, operates a small tree farm just south of Saskatoon.

Robert W. (Bob) Paisley was born in Vancouver, but raised in Saskatoon. Bob attended the University of Saskatchewan receiving his BComm in 1990, MSc in 1992 and received his accounting designation in 1993. Bob is a CMA CPA currently working as an auditor with a local accounting firm. An avid reader, Bob was drawn to become involved with the SES after developing a more evolved awareness of the impact that humankind has had on the environment, and the pending consequences.



Peter Prebble has been actively involved in the work of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society for over 30 years. Peter has authored and co-authored recent publications on climate change, the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident, renewable energy potential in Saskatchewan, and stricter regulation of the oil sands industry. Peter served as a Member of the Legislature in Saskatchewan for 16 years. He has been involved in a wide variety of provincial initiatives related to wind power, energy conservation, and protected areas. Peter holds a Master of Sustainable Environmental Management degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He also holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Prince Edward Island.