



2019 BOARD BIOGRAPHIES

NOMINEES FOR ELECTION, FIRST TERM:

Leah Luciuk grew up in rural Saskatchewan in a small town. She earned a B.A. & Sc. in Environment and Society and an Undergraduate Certificate in Sustainability from the University of Saskatchewan in 2015. During her time at university, she was involved with the Environmental Studies Student Association (ESSA). Since graduating from the U of S, she has been working in environmental education. She has coordinated SES's Student Action for a Sustainable Future program, Destination Conservation Saskatchewan, briefly worked with the SES Solar Co-op, and now works as a Park Program Coordinator with the Saskatchewan government. Leah spends her spare time hiking with her beagle, snowshoeing, disc golfing, playing piano, skating on Saskatoon's outdoor rinks, and playing board games with friends.

Tracey Mitchell works as a peer support mentor and educator with Mental Health and Addiction Services in Saskatoon. She has previously worked as the Prairie Region Manager for the Next Up program, focusing on leadership training for young people committed to social and environmental justice. Tracey is an active volunteer in the arts community and is also involved in Climate Justice Saskatoon. She is passionate about supporting people to care for ourselves, one another, and the planet, and the ways in which these forms of care and support are interconnected. Tracey has a BA in History and Sociology and certificates in Conflict Management and Theatre for Living.

Taylor-Anne Yee has a political science and law degree from the University of Saskatchewan. After articling and working in rural Saskatchewan for the past 1.5 years, she has returned to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to continue practicing as a lawyer. She is the president of the Saskatchewan Association for Environmental Law (SKAEL - www.skael.ca), an organization that began operating in August 2018 to advocate for stronger environmental laws, particularly in the province, through education and skills development. In her spare time, she likes to read, play video games, do graphic design, and play piano, ukulele, or guitar.

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS SEEKING RE-ELECTION:

Margret Asmuss (SES President) is a Sustainability Educator and Consultant. Previously she was the Sustainability Coordinator at the U of S Office of Sustainability for fourteen years, where she played a key role in the development of the Campus Sustainability Plan and the university's achievement of a STARS (Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System) Silver Rating. Recently, Margret was trained as a Climate Reality Leader by Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. Before working for the university, 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.

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.



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:

Hayley Carlson has been active with the Saskatchewan Environmental Society since 2014, first as a volunteer, as a Coordinator for the Climate Friendly Zone Campaign, as Policy Coordinator, and now board member. She participates in fundraising and policy activities with a special focus on climate change. Hayley is presently working as a User Engagement Specialist and doing research with the Global Institute for Water Security. She has a BSc. In Environmental and Conservation Science, a Master's of Public Policy and previous work experience with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment. Hayley also is an active member of Climate Justice Saskatoon.

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.



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.