



2024 BOARD BIOGRAPHIES

NOMINEES FOR ELECTION, FIRST TERM:

Curt McCoshen is a former teacher who taught in Lloydminster, Bruno, and Yorkton, both high school and elementary. He now lives in Saskatoon with his wife, Patricia. They have a grown one who also lives in Saskatoon. While he was a teacher, he was the point person in a coalition to create a recycling centre in Yorkton. He currently sits as a member of the Climate Hub and a member of Climate Justice Saskatoon. He also sits on the board of the Farm School and serves as a member of Bus Riders of Saskatoon. He is a believer in activism because it's really the only way to be a responsible member of society (seriously). He hopes to be able to offer some help to SES.

Breanna Silversides is the partnership and programs coordinator for the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Land Technicians (SALT). SALT is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing technical education to First Nation lands managers. Breanna works on a variety of land management and environmental issues in Saskatchewan and specializes in making connections between different levels of government, NGOs, and Indigenous communities. Breanna holds a degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Regina. Breanna has experience with water and drainage concerns and formerly interned out of school with the Water Security Agency. Prior to her current role she worked with the City of Regina as a Solid Waste and environmental educator. Breanna has a passion for the outdoors and is a proud Métis woman living on Treaty 4 Territory.

Dean Stockdale is a theatre artist from Treaty 6 Territory with a passion for environmentalism and climate policy. They received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting from the University of Alberta, with the intent of using theatre for social good. They believe very strongly in the power of a community of people coming together to create a better way and hopes to apply that belief on a larger scale, with regard to climate action, as a board member of SES. Dean has contributed as a Youth Affiliate on the SES board since 2023.

Ulrich Teucher was born in Bern, Switzerland, growing up in North America (Norman/Oklahoma and Chicago) before his family moved to Hamburg, Germany where he spent his adolescence and young adulthood. There he trained and worked for ten years as a pediatric nurse in oncology. After two years of life in India, he immigrated to Vancouver where he completed a PhD in comparative literature and Psychology, on metaphors of cancer. He was then hired for a position at the University of Saskatchewan in the Department of Psychology and Health Studies. For the last two years, he has been a Sustainability Faculty Fellow, teaching matters of sustainability to his students in the Health Studies Program.



PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS SEEKING RE-ELECTION:

Margret Asmuss (seeking President) is a (mostly) retired Sustainability Educator. Previously she was the Sustainability Coordinator at the U of S Office of Sustainability and received the President's Service Award for that work in 2017. 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. Margret was trained as a Climate Reality Leader by Al Gore's Climate Reality Project in 2017. She also spent a few years on the SES board in the early 1980s. Margret has three grown sons and one grandson. Margret enjoys reading, gardening, and spending time outdoors with her husband Peter and dog Bella.

Bob Halliday is the former president of R. Halliday & Associates and practiced as a consulting engineer in Saskatoon for more than 25 years. He previously worked for Environment Canada and is a former director of Canada's National Hydrology Research Centre. Company projects concerned interjurisdictional water management, floodplain management, and effects of climate change on water resources. Projects 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's interests include water and energy matters, old buildings, science history, and ancient civilizations. Bob is the Vice-President of SES.

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.

Bert Weichel (seeking Treasurer) is a semi-retired consulting ecologist and U of S environmental science instructor. Bert has been active on the board of SES for the past 35 years, including as President. He is also a founding director 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 daughter Kaity and son Ky, Bert and his wife Jude Haraldson, a weaver, spinner and fibre arts teacher, now generate solar power, keep poultry and sheep, grow a large vegetable garden, enjoy granddaughters Hanna and Heidi, and harbour a wide diversity of native flora and fauna on land near Pike Lake.



BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUING INTO THE SECOND YEAR OF THEIR TERM:

Jason Hanson is semi-retired, currently working as the Communications Manager for Saskatoon Cycles, a non-profit bicycle advocacy group. He spent most of his working life balancing blue-collar jobs with social, political, and environmental volunteerism (including the SES since 2000), and usually found the latter more rewarding. He is a proud shareholder in the SES Solar Co-operative, owner of a used EV, and year-round cyclist. He enjoys writing, reading, drawing, politics, TV, and movies, among a million other things. His greatest passion is a healthy planet for present and future generations of human and non-human life forms. He sees serving the SES as an opportunity to feed that passion and is honoured to be on the board.

Leah Luciuk grew up in rural Saskatchewan in a small town. She earned a B.A. & Sc. in Environment and Society and a 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). After graduating from the U of S, she began her career 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-operative, and now works with the Saskatchewan government in the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport. Leah was a member of Ocean Wise's first Ocean Bridge youth cohort, where she completed community service and helped raise awareness surrounding ocean-related issues. In 2018, Leah was named one of Corporate Knight Magazine's Top 30 Under 30 Sustainability Leaders in Canada. She is also on the steering committee for The Youth Harbour, a project of the Foundation for Environmental Stewardship. Leah enjoys hiking, paddling, and playing board games. She currently resides with her family in Wynyard on Treaty 4 Territory.

Sarah Valentine is a medical student at the University of Saskatchewan. She grew up deeply appreciating nature and is passionate about preserving it. Through volunteering and experiences in medical school, Sarah has seen how adversely climate change affects everyone, especially those who have the smallest hand in causing it. She is now on the board of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) as well as the University of Saskatchewan's Planetary Health Student Group. Aside from environmental health, Sarah is interested in addictions, women's health, and 2SLBGTQ+ issues.