

June is Board Election Month

Candidate Bios:

We will be electing 3 new board members at our Annual meeting in June. The following club members have agreed to run. Here are their brief biographies. We thank them for their willingness to serve our club!

Alexia Whitcomb

Birding, farming, and other outdoor adventures help balance my work as a doctoral candidate in the department of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences at MSU. Between the birds seen here in MI and those at my research site in western Uganda, I've recently had the luck to do some incredible birding. Prior to graduate school, my main occupation was as an environmental and outdoor educator on tall ships, farms, and at an expeditionary junior high school. I grew up in Virginia but have enjoyed living and working (often with my partner, Parks) at various locations around the US and internationally.

Parks Marion

I grew up in Tennessee but have since traveled all over. My background is in biology and music, and I have pursued work in outdoor and science education. Some of my past exploits include sailing and teaching about the environment on the Hudson River, Chesapeake Bay, and Puget Sound, leading summer camp groups at an educational farm just outside of San Francisco, teaching at a junior high school in the mountains of NC, and co-managing a nature reserve in Ecuador. I am fortunate that I was able to undertake many of these adventures with my fiancée, Alexia. I currently teach at Stepping Stones Montessori in East Lansing during the school year and during the summers I captain tall ships out of South Haven and Bay City.

Don Dickman

Received his BS in forest management, University of Washington College of Forestry 1964; PhD, tree physiology, University of Wisconsin, 1969. Faculty member MSU 1973-2003. Professor Emeritus 2004-present. Acting chair, Department of Forestry, 2010-11. Taught undergraduate and graduate courses in general forestry, silviculture, tree physiology, and ecology. Author of over 120 scientific papers and bulletins. Principle author of five books. The Forests of Michigan published 2003, second edition 2016 by University of Michigan Press. Elected a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters. Shiawassee County Planning Commission 2005-2014. Kirtland's Warbler census 2000-2013.