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Terry Bass - OMC Candidate Statement

O-rated leader for 6 years. Outings Chair for PV-SB (55 leaders) for two years. Main interest in Sierra Club is in area of Outings as the method that we use to *safely* explore, enjoy and thus protect. All I really can offer is someone who has volunteered continuously for almost 40 years, with many non-profits, and takes only positions that make use of my special / specific talents and skills. I am one of those rare volunteers who gives volunteer jobs the same care and attention as a paid position.

Silvia Darie - OMC Candidate Statement

You've elected me as your representative to Outings Management Committee in 2006. It's been my pleasure to serve you. Your vote of confidence to allow me to continue representing you is appreciated.

I'm Silvia Darie.

I joined Sierra Club in 2002 and started hiking in 2002.

In 2003 I learned how to set up a tent and camp. I became O rated leader in 2003. I led my first camping trip in 2004. Since then I have led 6 camping trip for large groups, and about a hundred day hikes and other events. I coordinated multiple conservation events. I was a Captain for the Great Earth walk in 2004 which helped raise funds and awareness for environmental causes. I organized the First Annual Griffith Park Environmental Film Festival in 2007. I've led outings for Inner City Outings, 20s and 30s, San Fernando Valley Group, Crescenta Valley Group, Little Hikers, Backpacking Committee and will soon lead for Wilderness Adventures.

In 2004 I joined the 20s 30s Management and held positions as secretary, Vice Chair, membership and conservation coordinator, I was the 20s30s Outings Chair during the peak years of mid 2004 to early 2007 and brought back energy to the section. I am also a new member of the Management Committee for Crescenta Valley Group and Outings Chair for the same group.

I have been an active member and representative of the OMC since 2006.

To recognize my commitment to the 20s30s Section, to Crescenta Valley Group and to the Sierra Club I was awarded an Outings Service Award in 2006 and Special Service Award in 2007. The City of Los Angeles presented me with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for the Environmental Film Festival in 2007. In September 2007 I was sent to the National Sierra Club CLL Board of Directors meeting as an expert for the Forever Young initiative.

I am an O rated, Provisional I leader. At work, people call me "doc". I'm a physician.

Thank you for your vote.

John Hinz - OMC Candidate Statement

My involvement with the Angeles Chapter began when I took the Basic Mountaineering Training Course. I returned as an assistant leader, and later was elected Long Beach Area Chair. When the Mountaineering Training Committee went dormant, I was a founding member of the Wilderness Training Committee as the Long Beach Area Chair.

I began, and continue, leading the weekly conditioning hikes on Signal Hill and was eventually elected to the Long Beach Group's Executive Committee, where I now serve as Vice-Chair. I previously served as Outings Chair, and continue as Outings Vice-Chair. I am currently the Conservation Chair and the Alternate Representative to the Chapter Executive Committee.

I represent the Long Beach Group at the Chapter Conservation Committee, and am the Conservation Liaison for the Outings Management Committee. I am a WTC Group Leader (Group 2 - LB/SB), and had been the Assistant Group Leader for many years. I continue to lead O-, I-, and M-level trips for WTC and Long Beach.

I was one of the voices clamoring for change which led to the creation of the Outings Review Task Force. Then I participated in the reorganizational meetings and assisted in writing the rules under which the Outings Management Committee now operates.

Mary Morales - OMC Candidate Statement

I am running for a seat on the Outings Management Committee to lend my support and ideas to the Angeles Chapter's outings program. As an O-rated outings leader for LA Sierra Singles Section since 1998, I have experience planning, organizing and executing the most popular types of outings enjoyed by the majority of Angeles Chapter's active members. These activities include hikes, urban walks, carcamps, bus trips, train daytrips, Harwood Lodge event weekends, as well as entity and Chapter program meetings and workshops.

A leader's responsibilities involving the most basic outing is huge and grows exponentially with the scope of the event. I believe we have the most well-trained and prepared group of outings leaders in the Sierra Club. It is also the largest.

Throughout the years, I've helped a number of our section's provisional leaders to navigate the certification process. It's so encouraging to see our ranks grow with new people.

Our outings volunteers require a support system at the Chapter level that is dynamic, forward thinking and user-friendly. I want to be part of that connection to our leaders. Because my expertise is at the O level and most leaders are in this category, I believe I would be a very competent addition to the OMC.

Donna Specht - OMC Candidate Statement

The Chapter Outings Management Committee is an important link between National, the Angeles Chapter and groups, sections, committees and task forces. The OMC elected members bring a wide range of experience to the table to hammer out policies, take care of business, resolve issues and make sure we are listening to all our entities. No entity is

an island and I think one of the purposes of the OMC should be to assure that we all work together.

The experience that I would bring to the OMC includes at the local entity level: I rated leader, WTC grad, ski leader, backpack leader, Outings Chair for OCSS, Finance, publicity, program, safety, trip leader and membership chair. At the Chapter level, I am an Angeles Chapter Excom at large elected member, member of Safety, Outings Management, Budget & Finance Committee, Awards Banquet, International Trip Liaison, Co Membership Chair and an active trip leader for the Chapter Fundraising Committee.

The Angeles Chapter is strong and we do have a voice at National thanks to many of you providing outings leadership.

Thank you for your support and coming to the Outings Assembly today.

Keep it safe out there and have fun.
Don't forget to recruit new members and new leaders.

George Denny - OMC Candidate Statement

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the committee.

The OMC has become a valuable entity within the Angeles Chapter and its huge and diverse outings program. Many challenges are and will be met head on by the committee such as new requirements from National Sierra Club, and by our national forest and national parks management, and others. These challenges can and will require re-examination of current policies and procedures in safety, leader training, and entity management. I would be proud to serve as a member of the OMC.

Many of you know me already, but for those who don't a brief resume of applicable experience follows. I've been a member of the Sierra Club since 1982, and an outings leader since 1990 and "I" rated since 1984. Since then I have led many outings such as backpacks, day hikes, bike rides, and car camps. I have been asked to evaluate a number of leaders and prospective leaders for their "I" and "O" ratings. Mostly I've led for the Wilderness Adventures Section, Backpacking Committee, Orange County Sierra Singles, and as a Wilderness Training Committee management member and treasurer. Also, in the last five years, I was elected by the chapter membership to serve on the Executive Committee and was appointed chapter treasurer. I also served as a member of the chapter staff as acting director and as chapter coordinator for nearly two and one half years.

Many opportunities await. As Sierra Club members, we must continue to encourage cultural diversity, and increase membership. We must attend to the conservation and preservation of the places we love. The Angeles Chapter outings program is the biggest and best in the club, and is well suited to forward these with clearly defined goals. Again, I would be proud to serve as a member of the OMC.

Thank you.

Gerard Lewis – Safety Committee Candidate Statement

My name is Gerard Lewis and I am a candidate for the position of Outings Representative on the Chapter Safety Committee.

For the past two years I have been the Chair of the West LA area of the Chapter's Wilderness Travel Course (WTC) and serve on the San Antonio Ski Hut Committee and the Wilderness Travel Committee, the last three years as Secretary. I am a Provisional "M" rated leader and have led "O" and "I" rated trips for several years in our local mountains and in the Sierras. I am also involved in assisting on outings for ICO (Inner City Outings) where we introduce and educate inner-city youth to our local mountains, deserts and oceans.

Our outings program here in the Angeles Chapter is the strongest and most active outings program within the Sierra Club. Our Safety Committee has a crucial role in ensuring that our many and varied outings are conducted in such a way that they are as safe as they are enjoyable. With my many years of experience as an outings leader here in the Chapter, I believe I can assist the Safety Committee in continuing its important role in overseeing our valuable outings program.

Mark Hertz – Safety Committee Candidate Statement

Marc Hertz CV from 2007

Been backpacking for fifty years

Club member for over 20 years.

"I" rated leader for 12 years

WTC instructor since 1995

Founding chair of WTC's WLA area, 1999 -2002

WTC WLA outings coordinator since 2003

Member of WTC management committee 3 years

Member outings endowment committee

Member ExComm nominating committee 3 years

Southern California representative to the Local Outings Support Committee since 2002 and LOSC liason to the outings management committee.

Assembly Representative to the OMC for 2008

Barbara Sholle – LTC Candidate Statement

Hello, I am Barbara Cohen Sholle and I've been active with the outings aspect of the Sierra Club since 1984 when I took BMTC in the West LA group. That class opened up a whole new world to me. In the years following BMTC, I became a 'M' rated leader and led numerous trips for HPS, DPS, and SPS, finishing those lists along the way, and also serving as secretary, outings chair, and chair of SPS. For several years, I led conditioning hikes for the PV/ South Bay group and served as group leader for 3 years in the Long Beach section of WTC.

I would like to see more people participate in our outings programs because they are a terrific way to meet people and get to know yourself as well.

David Meltzer – LTC Candidate Statement

Voting members of the Angeles Chapter

I am requesting your vote as I am seeking election to one of the positions available as Leadership Training Committee Representative for the Outing's Management Committee (OMC). My name is **David Meltzer**. As a relative new member to the Sierra Club since 2001, I have been active in the club. I currently hold the position as one of your Outings Representatives for OMC. I hold the positions of Chairperson and staff member for the Long Beach/South Bay section of the Wilderness Travel Course (WTC) and my outings experience range from leading monthly newcomer, moonlight and conditioning hikes to multiple day trips in the High Sierra's, local mountains and deserts for "first timer" backpackers to seasoned veterans of the outdoors. I have participated or led trips and events with Inner City Outings (ICO), 20's and 30's Singles, WTC, Natural Science Section and others.

I plan to be an active voice for all of the outstanding outing's leaders so the OMC is made aware of your issues, concerns and most of all bringing new ideas on having safer, fun and different outings available to our members.

I am available to discuss any questions you have at (310) 913-1230 or e-mail at dwm@crgpm.com

Thank you and happy hiking!!!