

**2017 Candidates for Pasadena Group Executive Committee**  
**3 Candidates (Listed in random ballot order)**  
**3 Open Positions**

**Pat Zeider**

I have been serving as Secretary of the Pasadena Group for the past 4-5 years and co-lead hikes with other Group leaders. As a long-time Pasadena resident, I love the natural beauty of our community. I want to continue working through Sierra Club to preserve our irreplaceable resources and to promote outings and service projects so that our members and others can appreciate and help maintain the setting in which we live. I am particularly concerned with worldwide climate change and want to support the Sierra Club's efforts to make people aware of this issue and ways to deal with it.

**Pat Pipkin**

I first joined the Sierra Club in 2003 because I wanted to support its work in protecting wild places. Since then my appreciation for the Club has grown even stronger because of its work on combating climate change and advocating for environmental justice. I'm now an outings leader, which has given me the chance to help others enjoy the outdoors and to interact with people in our community on behalf of the Club.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee of the Pasadena Group. The Group has done admirable work in educating the public through its regular monthly presentations, and advocating with local government on environmental and climate issues. We can be even more effective in achieving our goals if we can find ways to engage and activate more of our members and improve our outreach to non-members. I look forward to addressing these challenges as a member of the Executive Committee.

**Russ Babbitz**

After participating in the Thursday night Henninger hike for over ten years I agreed to go through leadership training and have been helping out with the hike since then. Recently, I was asked to consider serving on the Pasadena Group Committee. I've spent many years serving on committees in my professional organization (membership locally about 900), finally going through the chairs ending in the President position last year. Volunteerism is critical at all times, especially when many of our cherished gains are being challenged. I look forward for the opportunity to serve with the existing members of the Pasadena Group Exec Committee.