

## 2019 Candidates for West Los Angeles Group Executive Committee

### 7 Candidates (Listed in random ballot order)

#### 5 Open Positions

#### Brian Frange

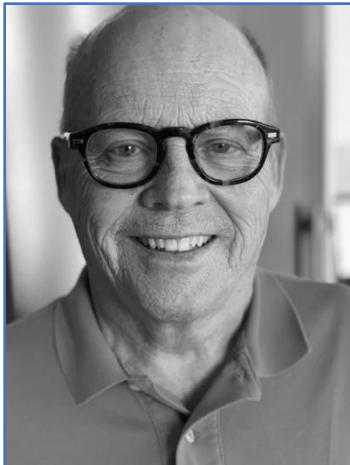


There is no overstating the gravity of the crisis our planet faces. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that the citizens of not just our community, but the entire world step up to defend the only planet we have. While the magnitude of this challenge may seem so vast that individual actions feel pointless, I believe that together, if we each do our part, we can create a better world for future generations.

This is why over the past several years I have been doing my part to fight environmental injustice in whatever capacity my finite power allows. I volunteer with the California State Parks Foundation, I attend community meetings, I speak in front of the mayor whenever there's an opportunity, I harass my neighbors to sign petitions, call their Senators, and vote. I do these things not to satisfy my civic duty. I do these things because our planet needs a defender. We need to defend this world

from fossil fuel companies, corrupt politicians, and corporate polluters, or soon we won't have a planet left to defend. It's a monumental task. But if every single one of us rises to meet this challenge, there's nothing we can't accomplish.

#### John Nilsson



I have been a resident of Los Angeles since 2014. My previous life was in Vail, Colorado where I was an active hiker/camper and fisherman and nature photographer. Upon moving to Los Angeles, I felt the need to remain active in outdoor activities and immediately joined the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Camera Committee. I have been an active member of that organization's management committee and an outings trip leader for several years.

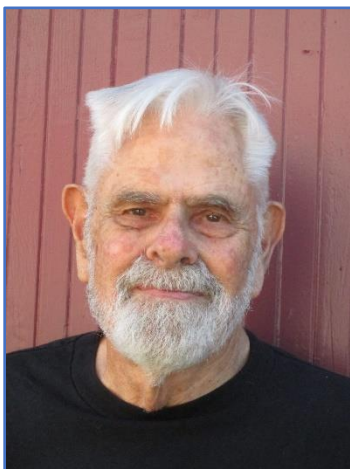
Recently I have been exploring the possibility with David Haake of getting the camera committee more involved in the West LA Group's activities and becoming a better source of photography and video to help the West LA's conservation activities. I view my place on the West LA management committee as a vehicle to promote this partnership and to help the West LA Group reach its goals.

**David Haake**



I am a life member of the Sierra Club and have served as Chair of the West Los Angeles Group since 2011. As a graduate of the Sierra Club's Wilderness Travel Course, I enjoy backpacking and bird-watching and co-lead the West LA Group's weekly hike to the Parker Mesa Overlook. I am proud of the West LA group's outreach efforts over the past few years through its SierraWest.us website, eNewsletter, and social media. My goals are to build the Sierra Club's impact on efforts to make West LA a more healthy, livable, and sustainable community.

**Paul Cooley**



Life Member of the Sierra Club; currently Vice Chair, West Los Angeles Group and secretary of the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee; former climber in the Sierra Nevada and ascender of many desert peaks, now mostly an armchair hiker but still walk in the Santa Monica Mountains.

**Andrea Ehrgott**



I'm keen to continue on the West Los Angeles Group's Executive Committee with our work on conservation issues and the monthly newsletter. As a semi-retired geography instructor, I have made a career of helping to get students acquainted with the world (through cultural and physical geography courses) and to teach them about harmful impacts of human activity on the environment. I have skills in GIS (computer mapping), spatial analysis, creative writing and planning/presenting lectures.

Since living in Topanga, I've been involved in local environmental projects in the SM Mountains including turtle rescue, digitizing and mapping aerial photographs for a fire prevention study, and oak tree care. I love the outdoors and feel strongly that it's important to preserve nature for our enjoyment and wellbeing but also for the health of the planet. It's essential to instill an appreciation of nature in children and a curiosity about the world. I'd like to continue to do my bit.

**Carmille Lim**



Carmille Lim is a seasoned nonprofit executive and now works as a management + organizational design consultant for nonprofits and startups. Having just returned to Los Angeles after 20 years in Washington, Hawaii, and Michigan, Carmille is actively seeking ways to get reacquainted with the community while working on the issues closest to her heart, which includes environmental preservation and conservation.

Carmille was involved with the Sierra Club in Hawaii, helping members of its exec team put on civic-engagement and citizen-lobbying events. With graduate training in international economics, Carmille is personally interested in finding ways to make international trade and international business more sustainable and environmentally-friendly. Los Angeles being a global city, she is keen to plug into such efforts here.

**Arthur Antolick**



I am a Certified Public Accountant and current Life Time Member of the Sierra Club for over 42 years. I am the current Treasurer for the West Los Angeles Group, hike leader and current Management Committee member. I have previously served as the Management Committee Chair and many other positions for the West Los Angeles Group. I am a past member of the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee. I am the current Treasurer for the California Sierra Club Political Action Committee. I wish to support the West Los Angeles Group as the treasurer, hike leader and support the conservation positions and activities of the management committee of the West Los Angeles Group.