

# Oklahoma Sierran

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[oksustainability.org](http://oksustainability.org)

**You Are Invited . . .**

## **Sierra Club Oklahoma Chapter Awards Banquet**

Honoring

**Drew Edmondson**

**Oklahoma Attorney General**

2004 Outstanding Public Servant Award Recipient  
and other distinguished award winners

Coles Garden

1415 NE 63rd St., Oklahoma City

More information on Coles Garden may be found on the  
web: [www.colesgarden.com](http://www.colesgarden.com)

April 9, 2005

6:30-7:00 Reception and Garden Tour

7:00 Dinner

(Italian buffet with vegetarian option—wine included)

7:30 Program

Tickets \$25.00 per person

(Table for eight discounted to \$160)

Reservations Required—Contact:

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# Celebrate Earth Day with Sierra Club . . .



## OKLAHOMANS WALK FOR WATER

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th, 2005

Walks will be held in Norman, Oklahoma City and Tulsa

### Oklahoma Streams and Water Resources Need You!

Please Join Other Oklahoma Sierrans in an Earth Week  
Walk for Water . . . A Building Environmental Communities  
Event—Watch for details in your post card invitation and  
on the website: [www.oklahoma.sierraclub.org](http://www.oklahoma.sierraclub.org)

### Oklahoma Sierra Club's Clean Water and Clean Air Building Environmental Communities Meeting

**Who?** Brett Hulsey, National Sierra Club

**When?** Tuesday, March 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Where?** Sierra Club Office  
575 S. University Blvd., Norman

*(on top of Harold's Warehouse on Campus Corner)*

Come to Sierra Club's town meeting  
to voice your concerns and hear  
solutions to protect our health and  
safety as well as clean up our lakes,  
rivers and beaches.



### Earth Day Social Event

Saturday, April 23  
7:00 p.m.

Sierra Club Office  
575 S. University  
Blvd., Norman

*(on top of Harold's Warehouse  
on Campus Corner)*



*All Oklahoma Sierra Club  
members and their guests  
are invited. Please Come!*

# SIERRA CLUB OKLAHOMA CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BALLOT

Dear Sierra Club Members:

This PAGE (NOT the entire newsletter) is your official ballot for the 2005 Oklahoma Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) election. The ExCom comprises 10 members—the chairs of our 3 local groups plus 7 members elected directly by YOU—the membership. These folks are responsible for setting policies, goals, priorities, the budget and generally directing the activities of the Sierra Club in Oklahoma. This grassroots electoral process is one of the great strengths of the Club and is unique among the major environmental organizations. Please take a few moments to consider your choices and cast your vote. There are 2 positions to be filled this year and 3 candidates. Tom Libby is running for re-election and we thank outgoing ExCom member, James Martin, for his service.

## Marking Your Ballot

Space is provided for 2 voters in order to accommodate joint memberships. These are indicated with a "2" on your mailing address panel. Unless there is a "2" on your address label, voting twice will invalidate your ballot. In order to validate your ballot, do not remove the mailing address. To ensure confidentiality, these will be removed before the votes are counted. Cut this page away from pages 1 & 2, trifold your ballot with the Oklahoma Chapter's address on the outside, affix a first class stamp and mail. **Ballots must be received by April 7.** Late or disqualified ballots will not be counted.

### **Earl Brewer**

I am Earl Brewer, age 64, and live in Tishomingo, Oklahoma with my wife, Jeannie, and our nine rescued dogs. I have been a Sierra Club member since 2002. I joined the Sierra Club because it was the only environmental organization responsive to a problem in Oklahoma even though I had been a long time member and activist in other organizations. I served the state of Oklahoma for 28 years and was the head of two state agencies. I am the founder of CPASA, a grassroots organization, that successfully lobbied for the protection of the Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer with the help of many individuals that became activist for the first time, the SC, and other ecco-activist. I strongly believe in the SC and would like to see it grow stronger in a time when environmental protections are being dismantled in this country as never before by our government. I am a naturalist and spend most of my time enjoying our natural wonders or in activism to protect them. I believe ecco-education and getting people involved with nature activities will lead to the protection of our remaining natural resources. The Sierra Club is the best organization to carry out the mission of conservation and protection of our natural resources. We need growth to become a stronger force. Recruiting new members should be a priority for all members.

### **Esther Houser**

For the past 3 years, I have served as the Chapter Delegate for the Cimarron Group and have seen first hand all the good work accomplished by the Oklahoma Chapter. I would like to continue serving on the Chapter Executive Committee to assist with this work in whatever capacity I am needed. I have experience addressing both local and state conservation issues as Conservation Chair for the Cimarron Group and legislative experience through my job as long-term care ombudsman for the Department of Human Services. With the current anti-environmental political climate both at the national and state level, I want to be a part of a group that makes a difference for the environment.

### **Tom Libby**

I am seeking re-election to the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Sierra Club. Presently I am serving as Chapter Chair and Chapter Outings Chair. In the past I have served the Chapter as Webmaster, helped organize the Wichita Mountains Group, was one of three Oklahoma delegates to the national "One Club" meeting in Albuquerque and worked with the national bylaws and standing rules committee to update our chapter bylaws. Since becoming Chapter Outings Chair, we have increased the number of people participating on Beech Creek service trips as well as begun working with Sierra Club groups in Dallas and Ft. Worth to do trail maintenance in the Ouachita National Forest and at Beaver's Bend State Park. The Oklahoma Chapter of the Sierra Club provides a voice for environmental concerns in Oklahoma. As a member of the Chapter Executive Committee I will work to ensure that the voice remains loud and strong.

## **VOTE FOR ONLY TWO (2) CANDIDATES**

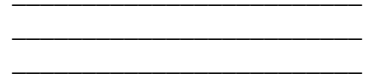
**Earl Brewer**

**Esther Houser**

**Tom Libby**

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# Election Ballot