

**THE MOUNTAINEERS
BRANCH ELECTIONS BALLOT 2025**



This paper ballot is for the convenience of those Mountaineers members who did not receive an email notice to vote electronically in their branch elections. This ballot is to be used by members of the Foothills, Olympia, and Tacoma Branches.

To cast a valid vote, place a check mark in each box beside the candidate name you wish to vote for in each role. For your vote to count you must include your name, signature, date, Mountaineers Branch and email address below (for the purpose of membership verification). You may only vote for the Branch of which you are a member, and this must match on the form.

VOTE:

For each candidate, please cast your vote "For" election if you are in favor of their election or "Withhold" if you are not.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Home Branch ☐ Foothills ☐ Olympia ☐ Tacoma

Date _____ Email Address _____

By signing I certify that I am current in my membership dues, have not yet voted in this election, and am 14 years of age or older.

MAIL TO:

The Mountaineers – BOARD ELECTION
7700 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR BE HANDED IN-PERSON BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 IN ORDER TO BE VALID. All active Mountaineers members of age 14 and older are eligible to vote. Each eligible member may vote only once - duplicate votes will not be counted. Results will be announced on October 1, 2025 via a blog post.

Foothills Branch Elections 2025

Foothills At-Large Council Member - Two Year Term

Goal of Position

The five At-Large Council members for the Branch are active and voting members of the Executive Committee of the Foothills branch. They are expected to represent the membership of the branch at branch meetings and serve on ad hoc, program and/or activity committees as they are able, supporting a thriving and forward-looking branch.

Activities and Responsibilities

- Attend all branch council meetings and contribute actively to council deliberations.
- May serve on branch level ad-hoc, administrative, program or activity committees to develop ideas and resolve decisions or issues.

Kelley Chaddock for At-Large Council Member

"I have been a member of the Mountaineers since 2018 and started volunteering as a hike and urban walk leader in 2022. I also became a mentor for new hike and urban walk leaders in 2024. Along with hiking and urban walks, I have also volunteered assisting with Mountaineer program center events since 2021, as a Wilderness First Aid Coordinator since 2023, leading sound bath/yoga/breath meditation events since 2024 and ending my two (2) year term on the Seattle Urban Walk Committee.

I was born and raised in Southern California and moved to the beautiful state of Washington in 1996. I come from a diverse work background in the aerospace and real estate industries to over two decades working in research and staff management at the University of Washington/Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. I have previously volunteered with Ronald McDonald House in Seattle as well as many years volunteering within my two daughter's schools and soccer organizations. I am nearing retirement and will continue my varied interests within the Mountaineers, my new business (I am a Reiki Practitioner), spending more quality time with my two daughters and family, hiking, running, painting, reading and traveling.

I am excited to be considered for a Foothills Branch At-Large Council Member position where I can combine my love and passion for the outdoors with my professional background in project management and administration. I would be honored to continue volunteering with the Mountaineers and serve on the Foothills Branch Council."

Cast Your Vote for Kelley Chaddock as Foothills At-Large Council Member

- ☐ For
- ☐ Withhold

Olympia Branch Elections 2025

Treasurer - Olympia

The treasurer shall

- a. Preside over preparations of the branch's draft budget
- b. Ensure proper accounts are kept
- c. Ensure the reimbursement process is implemented
- d. Regularly report the branch's financial condition.

Beth Barga

"I'm excited for the opportunity to serve again as Branch Treasurer. I've held this role for two prior terms and have been a member of the Mountaineers since 2019. I'm a hike and scramble leader, assist with the Basic Climbing course, and was honored to be named a Super Volunteer in both 2022 and 2023. With a strong background in finance and administration, I'm committed to supporting our branch with transparency, organization, and care."

Cast Your Vote for Beth Barga as Olympia Branch Treasurer

- ☐ For
- ☐ Withhold

Tacoma Branch Elections 2025

Tacoma Branch Chair-Elect

It shall be the duty of the Chair-Elect to act in the place of the Chair* in the latter's absence and shall then have all the powers and duties of the office.

**It shall be the duty of the Chair to provide leadership and oversight of the entire Mountaineers Tacoma Branch.*

Amy Stafford

Amy spent most of her childhood in Washington and spent a lot of her time camping, hiking, backpacking and climbing. She left the state in 2000 to serve as an Officer in the Army and spent the next two decades moving around the world.

In 2019 she returned to Washington and joined the Mountaineers in 2020. She immersed herself in the community and after taking courses in Snowshoeing, Winter Camping, and Scrambling, volunteered to assist in the instruction and leading of these courses and events. With degrees in Exercise Science and Nutrition, she also volunteers as a Nutrition and Fitness instructor for multiple courses in the Tacoma Branch. Additionally, she works with the Outdoor Recreation Program on Joint Base Lewis McChord, serving the military families and service members there.

With her outdoor experience, and a strong background in leadership, department management, change management, strategic planning, and project management, she brings a wealth of experience to the role of Chair-Elect.

Cast Your Vote for Amy Stafford as Tacoma Branch Chair-Elect

- ☐ For
- ☐ Withhold

Tacoma Branch Elections 2025

Council Member At-Large

Members-At-Large shall attend Tacoma Branch Council meetings and take on tasks as needed.

There are 3 Candidates for Tacoma Council Member At-Large, as well as one write-in slot.

There are four seats for this role on the Tacoma Branch Council.

Jacqueline Fritz

Jacqueline Fritz has been a lifelong outdoor enthusiast. She grew up in Colorado and was active with the Colorado Mountain Club before relocating to the Pacific northwest in the 1990's. She joined the Mountaineers almost immediately and learned a truth that she always shares with new members - the Mountaineers is a great place to meet fellow outdoor enthusiasts and explore the PNW. Jacqueline is one of the longest serving hike leaders for the Tacoma Hiking and Backpacking committee. Since retiring, she has been a frequent leader and participant in the Tacoma Hiking Series courses.

Scott Schissel

I'm Scott, and I'm excited to run for a Member at Large position with the Tacoma Branch Council. I have a long history of volunteering with the Tacoma Branch and am deeply invested in its success. Serving on the Council would be an honor and an opportunity to give back, helping support and grow the branch for the benefit of all members.

Kristi van Doorn

I've been a member with the Tacoma Mountaineers for the last year and a half. The alpine basic and intermediate courses were my main focus for this time. The diverse community of outdoor's enthusiasts has been a huge part of growth and healing to me, and has brought better balance to my life when it comes to work, responsibilities and recreation. I look forward to continuing to meet more of this community, serve, grow, learn and.... do epic stuff!

Place a check mark next to each candidate for which you wish to cast a vote for Tacoma Council Member At-Large. You may cast up to four votes.

- ☐ Jacqueline Fritz
- ☐ Scott Schissel
- ☐ Kristi van Doorn
- ☐ Write-In Candidate: _____