

Biographies of the Nominees for Officers and Directors of the Sonoran Audubon Society

- Karen LaFrance (for Vice-President): Karen has previously served as a board member for two years and then as the Vice-President for the past two years; so this will be her second term. She has been an Audubon member for six years. She has helped in setting up all of the past retreats and facilitates some of the Board's planning sessions. Karen writes grants for SAS and is liaison to Environmental Fund for Arizona, providing the paperwork and other submissions that keep Sonoran Audubon in the family of environmental organizations which receive matching funds from Federal, State and corporate fund-raising campaigns.
- Carol Schooler (for Treasurer): Carol has been a member of Sonoran Audubon Society since its inception. She was introduced to birding by her husband, Rich Schooler, when they married 18 years ago. A life-long Arizona resident, she retired recently after 44 years of service within the banking industry. She was treasurer of an employee association while with the bank and was financial secretary of her church for over 25 years. Carol also enjoys travel, reading, fly fishing and quilting.
- John Arnett (for Secretary): John volunteered to be our Secretary back in November, 2007. With his credentials, he was accepted by the board. John Arnett was born in Orlando, Florida, and spent many childhood summers in the southern Appalachians of western North Carolina. It was in these mountains that he became interested in birding around the age of 9. John has BS and MS degrees in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Florida and he does, in fact, bleed orange and blue. He has worked on bird and many other wildlife-related research projects in Florida, Georgia, Arizona, Brazil, and Chile. He is currently working as a wildlife biologist for Luke Air Force Base where his primary task is to inventory and monitor the natural resources of the Barry M. Goldwater Range.
- Diana Barnum (for Director at Large): Diana has been a member of the Sonoran Audubon Society for about two years as well as an attendee at Birders' Anonymous. She is a novice birder, but is extremely enthusiastic about birding and conservation. She has gone on several birding trips with both groups. Diana is a native Californian who spent her entire working career as a librarian in Salinas, California. She lived for five years in Hawaii and moved to Arizona in 1993 where she currently resides in Sun City. She says she has the time and is willing to serve.
- Chuck Richards (for Director at Large): This will be Chuck's second term as a board member. Chuck is retired after 32 years with a steel company in Cleveland in the position of manager of systems and programming. After retiring, both he and his wife joined Blackbrook Audubon in Ohio in 1996 and quickly became avid birders. Upon moving to Phoenix in 2001, they joined Sonoran Audubon and have become increasingly more active. Chuck is a member of the Field Trip Committee, Conservation Committee and Education Committee. Chuck and his wife are also active working on IBAs and as volunteers at the AZGFD Wildlife Rehab Center.
- Andrée Tarby (for Director at Large): This will be Andrée's second term as a board member. Andrée is retired but still keeps doing the accounting for her husband's business. She's been birding for over 30 years and joined the Maricopa Audubon Society in the late 1980s. When the Sonoran Audubon Society formed, she switched to them. She has been the program chairperson and has assisted in the Tres Rios Nature Festival. She has led field trips and is especially knowledgeable about California Gulch where the Five-striped Sparrow and the Buff-collared Nightjar are found. For many years, she has been a volunteer at the Desert Botanical Garden where she leads bird walks on Monday mornings.
- Ruth Ann Teff (for Director at Large): Annie, as she likes to be called, has been a member of the Sonoran Audubon Society for about two years. She's also an attendee of Birders' Anonymous. She says she doesn't have a lot of experience, but really enjoys bird watching. Annie also belongs to the Sun City Hiking Club, CCV Hikers, and the Marinette Clay Corner. She moved here from Iowa in 1996 and retired from Sunrise Mountain High School Library in March of 2006. She is an energetic and active person who now has more time to enjoy the outdoors and get involved in birding and conservation.
- George Wall (for Director at Large): This will be George's third term on the board. George has been an Audubon member for ten years and "got into birding" after he retired. He's currently the editor of the Sonoran Audubon Newsletter and loves to write. He is also on the Membership Committee, the Trip Committee, Program Committee and Education Committee. He has worked on several IBA's (Agua Fria, Tres Rios and Rio Salado). He is the current Leader of Birders' Anonymous. For those of you who don't know, Birders' Anonymous is Sonoran's sister-birding-organization on the West side. That organization predates Sonoran, and many members have dual membership with Sonoran Audubon Society. Before retiring 12 years ago, he served 30 years in the Air Force and then 12 years as a manager in a computer company.

Sonoran Audubon Society Election Ballot

The Chapter by-laws require that an election ballot is to be included in the March newsletter. Elections are scheduled in April . If the member is unable to attend the April meeting send this completed ballot to:

Sonoran Audubon Society
P. O. Box 8068
Glendale AZ, 85312-8068

The following members are nominated to fill a two year term for the respective officer position:

_____ Karen LaFrance—Vice-President _____ Carol Schooler—Treasurer _____ John Arnett—Secretary

The following members are nominated to fill the five positions for a two year term as a board member at large:

____ Diana Barnum ____ Chuck Richards ____ Andrée Tarby ____ Ruth Ann Teff ____ George Wall

Put a check mark in front of each prospective officer and board member to indicate your approval.

This ballot is in accordance with the Bylaws of the Sonoran Audubon Society and should be made available to as many members as possible.

Treasurers Report—February 9, 2008

Sonoran Audubon Society	Budget	To Date
	2007-2008	2/9/08
Income	\$12,525	\$ 6,660.21
SAS Dues Return	2,000	2,842.75
Chapter Sources	10,525	3,013.46
Projects	--	804.00
Expenditures	\$12,525	\$6,236.35
Fund Raising Activities	200	272.00
Committees	6,750	612.81
Projects	1,300	3,475.62
Chapter Operations	3,875	1,561.95
Insurance	375	335.00
Quest Phone	500	313.97
Assets & Liabilities		
Total Cash		\$14,757.89
Encumbered Funds		1,666.28
Clear Funds		\$13,091.61

This report is submitted for publication three times per year as required in the Chapter By-Laws and by acts of the Board. Any questions, including requests for more details, please contact Treasurer, Loretta Richards at caricards@nowonline.net