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Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League

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Dear KCMSSL members:

It is time for our annual membership meeting, which includes the election of four people to serve three-year terms on your Board of Directors, the 12-person group of volunteers who oversee our conferences, league tournament, all-star games and annual picnic.

We invite everyone to attend the **Dec. 9** meeting at the Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, 11902 Lowell Ave, Overland Park. Coffee and doughnuts will be available starting at 9 a.m., and the meeting will follow at 9:30 a.m. We will have door prizes. It's a great time to meet the new directors and discuss plans for 2018, which will be our 29th year.

Please vote online (**see instructions below**) or complete the ballot on page 4 of this document and mail it back by Dec. 4 so it can be received in time to be counted. Or bring your ballot to the membership meeting.

***Please vote online or by paper ballot.
See enclosed ballot and candidate bios.
Postmark deadline: Dec. 4.
Membership meeting: 9:30 a.m. Dec. 9.***

The candidates are Dave "Bear" Barragan, Terry Davis, Barry Gordon, Bobby Gregg, Rocky Osborn, Susan Scholler, Mark Spletstaszer, Chuck Tipton, Gene Webb and Ann Willkett.

Candidate profiles are on page 3. The ballot is on page 4.

To vote online: Go to your database record log-on page at <https://leaguesheets.com/league/6>. Once you've logged-in, you will see your one-time-use ballot. Make your selections (vote for up to four nominees) and submit your ballot. The ballot then will disappear from your screen and you will be returned to your database record. You can submit only one ballot. If you wish to vote online but are unable to access your record/ballot (because you forgot your record's password, or whatever), contact Clint Berger at clintberger@hotmail.com, or 913-481-7937 so he can send you a one-time-use access link. This voting option will expire at midnight Dec. 7 (i.e., the ballot option will disappear from your database record).

How to find Tomahawk Ridge

Tomahawk Ridge Community Center sits at 11902 Lowell Ave. in Overland Park, between Antioch Road and Metcalf Avenue, on the south side of 119th Street.

From the north, take Interstate 435 and exit south at Metcalf (if coming from the east) or Antioch (if coming from the west). Then turn onto 119th. We will be in the adjoining Crest and Pinnacle conference rooms.

News of note:

Board seeks feedback

The directors recently sent managers a survey seeking input on league operations, including what went well this year and what can be improved. If you forgot to answer, please send your responses as soon as possible to rrr5850@aol.com.

Attention 70+ men!

We are planning a 70+ league that will be played on a week-day morning in 2018. Watch for more details in the Extra Innings newsletter due out in February.

If you are interested in managing a team, please call Bill Nees at 913-522-9160.

Annual meeting agenda

After President Randy Rowe calls the meeting to order, he will talk about the election process and make sure all ballots in the room have been collected so they can be counted. The rest of the agenda:

1. Introductions and other announcements.
2. Moment of silence to honor members who died this year.
4. Summary of work the Board of Directors is doing to prepare for the 2018 season.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Rules report.
7. Membership update.
8. Report on KCMSSL charitable contributions.
9. Update on efforts for league to have its own complex.
10. Summary of new 70+ hybrid conference.
11. Presentation of Wes Weddle spirit awards, rookie awards.
12. Player ratings.
13. Election results.

After the above business is concluded, there usually is time for open discussion, should members have other issues they would like to raise.

The KCMSSL Board of Directors (with years terms expire)

Susan Scholler, secretary	(2017)	Steve Krull	(2018)
Jody Myers	(2017)	Bill Nees	(2018)
Mark Spletstaszer	(2017)	Clint Berger, treasurer	(2019)
Bobby Gregg	(2017)	Randy Rowe, president	(2019)
Tim Burkindine, vice president	(2018)	Bob Reynolds	(2019)
Donna McGuire, membership secretary	(2018)	Larry Hightower	(2019)

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The 2017 board candidates



Bear



Terry



Barry



Bobby



Rocky



Susan



Mark



Chuck



Gene



Ann

Dave 'Bear' Barragan

I have completed my sixth year as a member of KC Metro. I love the game and others I have met in this organization. With your vote I would continue to strive to make this organization better for its players and bring ideas to the table that would benefit both its players and all parties involved. It's the game itself that has brought us together and with your support, I will continue to do just that. Thank you.

Terry Davis

I have been in our league since 2010. I am playing Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights and Saturday mornings. I am co-ordinator of the Tuesday night Black Bob conference, manage a Tuesday night team and co-manage a Monday night team. This has given me a good feel for the issues facing both the players and the league. I would like to give something back to league and help it grow.

Barry Gordon

I have been in the league since arriving in KC in 2010. I manage competitive teams on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and a draft team on Monday. I serve on the Competition & Player Skill Rating committees and have assisted on others. The league has offered me the opportunity to make new friends and enjoy countless hours playing the game we love. I'd like to provide those same opportunities to as many others as possible.

Bobby Gregg

I have played in our league for 14 years, including with the Ancient Mariners, Barons, 55+ Renegades, KC Kids and the KC Athletics. I have been a conference coordinator, rules committee member and an all-star games and picnic worker, and I served three years on the board. I have a lot of organizational skills and am willing to contribute anything I can to the betterment of our league.

Rocky Osborn

I have been a league members since 2010 (invited by Bill Nees). Managed Boyz N The Woods, Thursday 50+/ Heritage Park and Tuesday 55+/ Black Bob Park. Previously served on the Rules Committee. League coordinator for 55+ Tuesday. Committed to continued growth of the KCMSSL and the opportunities it offers to seniors for healthy competition, camaraderie, and enjoyment of the game!

Susan Scholler

I have been a member of the Women's 40+ league since inception as a manager/player of Better With Age. I have served as the conference's co-director since 2014. I play on several tournament teams and I am currently secretary of the board. I feel strongly that the ladies should have continued representation on this level and I'm up for the challenge.

Mark Spletstaszer

I've been a member of KCMSSL since 2000 when I turned 50. I've managed KC Storm teams in the Sunday 35+ conference, Tuesday 55+ conference and Thursday 50+ conference. I've served on the Rules and Competition committees and am currently the chairman of the Competition Committee. I coordinate the Thursday 50+ conference at Heritage Park.

Chuck Tipton

I was introduced to the organization in 2005 by a fellow Topekan, Walt Sexton, and joined the KC Metros (Tim Burkendine). In 2007, I was a part of the KC Kids' (Clint Berger) original roster. I started playing league in KC shortly thereafter. I hope to bring my love of the game and 30+ years of accounting background to the board in hopes of making America's largest senior softball organization even better in the future.

Gene Webb

What makes this league unique is the spirit and camaraderie displayed each time players hit the field. As I begin my sixth year in draft and competitive leagues I will put forth with the grace of God this same effort. I served on the Senior Day at the K and the Veterans / Disabled Sports Complex committees. Finally, "In everything God works for the good of those who love him." -- Romans 8:28

Ann Willkett

I have played five years in the KCMSSL. I am a co-coordinator for the Monday night women's conference at Hartman Park and play for Not Done Yet. I absolutely LOVE the game and want to help our league grow, so that all individuals who want to play this wonderful sport can have the opportunity to experience the camaraderie and healthy competition I have been so blessed to be a part of!

The KC Metro Senior Softball League

2017 ballot



**League members may vote
for up to four nominees.**

The top four vote-getters will be elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors.



'Bear' Barragan _____

Susan Scholler _____

Terry Davis _____

Mark Spletstaszer _____

Barry Gordon _____

Chuck Tipton _____

Bobby Gregg _____

Gene Webb _____

Rocky Osborn _____

Ann Willkett _____

Voter's signature

Voter's printed name

Voter's team name

Email address (Please print neatly so we can contact you electronically in the future.)

After marking your ballot with a **maximum of four votes**, sign your name, print your name, provide your team name and fold the ballot. If you are turning this in at the membership meeting, please give it to the league

member who is collecting the ballots.

If you are mailing it, please put in the mail by **Dec. 4** to the address below. This will allow enough days for it to be received before the election.

Only those ballots received by Dec.

8 through the mail or cast at the meeting on Dec. 9 will be counted. Votes are kept confidential.

Thank you for participating in the Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors election.

Ballots being returned by mail (please include your name with the return address) should be postmarked by Dec. 4 to:

Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League
Attn: Bill Nees
8044 Cottonwood
Lenexa, KS 66215