#### November 2018



## Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League

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#### Dear KCMSSL members:

It is time for our annual membership meeting, which includes presentation of numerous awards and the election of four people to serve three-year terms on your Board of Directors, the volunteers who oversee our conferences, league tournament, all-star games and annual picnic. Because of a tie in last year's voting, the board currently has 13 members.

We invite everyone to attend the **Dec. 8** 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 2019, which will be our 30th year.

Please vote online (**see instructions below**) or complete the ballot on page 4 of this document and mail it back by Dec. 3 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. 3. Membership meeting: 9:30 a.m. Dec. 8.

The candidates are Dave "Bear" Barragan, Tim Burkindine, Jeff Harlan, Dave Hendrikse, Erik Klein, Steve Krull, Donna McGuire, John Mondi 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, and you will be returned to your database record. (While online, please update anything that is incorrect in 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. 6 (i.e., the ballot option will disappear from your database record).

### News of note:

#### New honors coming

Next year marks the league's 30th season. In celebration, the directors have initiated new awards recognizing significant contributions toward the league and its growth to a record 929 members this year. The new Hall of Honor and Presidential Recognition awards join the previously offered Wes Weddle Spirit of the Game and Rookie of the Year awards. In addition, more than 100 people will receive Ambassador jackets for having played at least 20 years in the KCMSSL. Please attend the membership meeting to support all honorees.

#### 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

clintberger@hotmail.com.

#### Finding 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, Pinnacle and Summit meeting rooms.

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 col- lected 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.
3. Summary of work the Board of Directors is doing
to prepare for the 2019 season, including the new player ratings
system going live and how it will impact teams.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Rules report.
6. Membership update.
7. Report on KCMSSL charitable contributions.
8. Presentation of awards.
Hall of Honor
Presidential Recognition
Wes Weddle Spirit of the Game and Rookie of Year
Ambassador (20+ years in league)
9. Election results.
After the above business is concluded, there usually is time for open dis- cussion, should members have other issues they would like to raise.

#### The KCMSSL Board of Directors

(with years terms expire)

Tim Burkindine, vice president	(2018)
Steve Krull	(2018)
Donna McGuire, membership secretary	(2018)
Bill Nees	(2018)
Clint Berger, treasurer	(2019)
Larry Hightower	(2019)
Bob Reynolds	(2019)

Randy Rowe, president	(2019)
Barry Gordon	(2020)
Bobby Gregg	(2020)
Rocky Osborn	(2020)
Susan Scholler, secretary	(2020)
Mark Splettstaszer	(2020)

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# The 2018 board candidates

#### Dave 'Bear' Barragan

I have completed my seventh 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 be in your corner. Thank you.

#### **Tim Burkindine**

I have been a part of the league for 20 years playing with Caennen, Kansas City Masters, WOVs, Tequila Harry's, Kansas City Seniors, MOKANDO, Avengers and the 70+ hybrid draft league. I have served on the rules and competition committees as well as the Board of Di-



rectors, chairing the long-range planning, sportsmanship and by-laws committees and co-chairing the tournament committee. I serve as the board's vice president and parliamentarian.

#### Jeff Harlan

I started playing in 2017 for the KC Outlaws silver team on Thursdays at Heritage and played that fall for Field Force in the gold division. This year I coached a Wednesday team in Independence and played Thursdays at Heritage. I have coached my team, the Muckdawgs, for over 20



years. I look forward to continuing coaching in Senior Softball. I would really like to bring new ideas to the board and listen to players' and coaches' concerns and ideas. I have a passion for our sport.

#### **Dave Hendrikse**

I just completed my seventh year in the league and currently play/coordinate the Monday draft conference and play at Heritage Park on Thursdays. I am also assisting in the long-range planning committee's quest for a permanent league home, utilizing my career in the development,



design and construction world. I firmly believe the league can continue to grow and be a model for other senior softball leagues.

#### **Eric Klein**

I joined the league in 2006 and currently play in and coordinate the Sunday 35+ conference, and I manage the Hitman. This experience has helped me understand some of the issues and concerns affecting players. I have been around senior softball many years, watched my dad play



at Cottonwood when I was younger, and joined the league when I became old enough. I have seen KC Senior Softball grow over the years and would like to be part of its continued growth.

#### Steve Krull

I have been part of the Metro Seniors for 10 years, the first five with a 50 major team, the last five with a 55 major team. I've served on the board for three years. I really enjoy the game, and the people I have met through it. I truly care about the association and its players,



and I believe we should respect and enjoy the game.

#### **Donna McGuire**

I've been a league member 13 years and managed a women's team for 10. On the board, I have served as secretary, membership secretary, rules committee chair, newsletter editor and conference coordinator. I photograph our events, umpire locally and nationally, serve as a



regional umpire-in-chief for Senior Softball-USA, and chair the SSUSA national rules committee. I enjoy seeing everyone forging lifelong friendships while having fun on the field.

#### John Mondi

In 1993, friend Bob Massiero showed me an article about the recently formed KCMSSL. I joined the Forresters and two years later began managing with Bob Brown the Wringers. Eventually the KC '60s were formed and I was part of the management team until 2015. Retired, I



now have more time to use my analytical and photographic skills to help the KCMSSL as needed.

#### **Ann Willkett**

I have played six 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 comptition I have been so blessed to be a part of!

# The KC Metro Senior Softball League

KC METRO SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE	2018 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.	KC METRO WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE
'Bear' Barragan Tim Burkindine Jeff Harlan Dave Hendrikse Erik Klein	Steve Krull   Donna McGuire   John Mondi   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 a **maximum of four votes (one per nominee),** 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. 3** to the address below. This will allow enough days for it to be received before the election. Only those ballots received by Dec. 7 through the mail or cast at the meeting on Dec. 8 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. 3 to:

Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Attn: Bobby Gregg 7906 E. 163rd Terrace Belton, MO 64012