# **MEET YOUR CANDIDATES**

# Tara Laughlin (Wichita)

Tara is the current First Vice-Chair for the council and also serves on the Audit, Executive, and Finance Committees. She earned both her undergraduate and master's degrees from WSU and is a CPA with AGH focusing on governmental and NFP entities. Tara has just enough extra time to hang out with her family, play the piano, and build a new home where she hopes to rescue some dogs.

#### Renee Duxler (Salina)

With a master's in social work, and utilizing her skills in communication and marketing, Renee serves as the President and CEO of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce. Besides her position on the GSKH Board of Directors, Renee is also on the board for Humanities Kansas. In her free time, reading and running compete for her favorite hobby.

#### Elizabeth Bosch (Wichita)

Beth earned her B.A. and B.S. from KSU before completing her Juris Doctorate from Washburn University School of Law. Beth was a girl member and supports her neighborhood Girl Scouts by purchasing respectable quantities of cookies. Active with Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army's Season of Giving, Beth finds time to enjoy hobbies including paddle boarding, hiking, and reading.

#### Sarah Buchanan (Wichita)

Sarah earned her bachelor's from WSU and her Juris Doctorate from KU School of Law. She is a Transactional Attorney with Foulston Siefkin and participates in her firm's social and networking events. She is also active with the Young Lawyers Association and Make ICT. In her free time, Sarah enjoys home renovation projects, BungeeFit classes, and event planning/hosting.

# Sherri Buttenhoff (Emporia)

A Lifetime member of Girl Scouts, Sherri has helped out with mother/daughter camp outs and cookie kick-offs. She may be retired as an international network designer, but she is still active in her community. If not volunteering with the Salvation Army, Presbyterian Good Samaritan Committee or community blood drives, Sherri might be exploring her hobbies of boating and traveling.

#### Amanda Guthrie (Dodge City)

A registered nurse, Amanda holds bachelor's degrees in nursing and public health nutrition as well as a master's in nursing administration. She is the Occupational Health Safety Administrator at Hilmar in Dodge City. In addition to raising her family, Amanda serves her community as Chamber - Community Healthcare Coordinator and a board member for the Crisis Center of Dodge City.

## Jeff Janssen (Wichita)

Jeff is currently a member of the GSKH Board Development Committee and a Lifetime member. His bachelor's in business management/accounting led to his position as an asset manager with J3 Investments. He enjoys fellowship and sports as well as community service where he is a member of the YMCA Advisory Board, Pathway Church Elder Board, and Sandcrest HOA Board.

## Jennifer Bellinger-Sipes (Wichita)

Jennifer graduated from Wichita State University with a B.A. in Communications. She is now the WPS-TV Production Coordinator for the Wichita Public Schools Media Production Services Department. Jennifer was a girl member, leader for her daughter's troop, and has served in governance roles on the Board of Directors, Property Committee, and chair of the Board Development Committee.

## **Crystal Aluko (Wichita)**

Crystal is completing her term as a member of the Board of Directors for GSKH. She is also a member of the Remsberg Scholarship Committee and chaired the Membership Committee. Crystal earned her master's degree from University of Central Missouri after obtaining her bachelor's from KSU. Currently employed at WSU Tech, Crystal enjoys training and development, and implementing DEI initiatives.

## Tim O'Bryhim (Andover)

A teacher and journalist, Tim is employed by USD 259. He earned his undergraduate degree from KU and went on to obtain his master's in journalism from Harvard University. Tim loves traveling and hiking as well as cheering on the Wichita Wings. He even wrote a book titled, "Make This Town Big: The Story of Roy Turner and the Wichita Wings". Tim is the editor of Wichita Story Magazine.

#### Leigh Purdy (Hays)

As a Vice President of the Chamber in Hays, Leigh helped GSKH renew their membership with the Chamber. After earning her B.A. from Fort Hays State University, Leigh has jumped into community service as a member of Hays Young Professionals and Kiwanis Club of Hays among others. Event planning and crafts are a couple of her hobbies which should come in handy as a Girl Scout member.

# Corey Saleh (Wichita)

After receiving her bachelor's from the University of Illinois – Chicago, Corey earned a Master of Education degree from WSU...and now works there as the Director of Development. In addition to assisting with her daughter's Girl Scout troop, Corey is active in the community by serving on the board of Bridget's Cradles and as a member of the Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs.

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