

# 2015 MORA Board Ballot

## MEMBER NAME OR NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Vote for up to four (4) candidates for the 2015-2018 Missouri Recycling Association Board of Directors. The deadline for submitting ballots is as follows:

- Prior to MORA Conference, ballots can be mailed, emailed or faxed to Angie Gehlert by **4:00 pm, Thursday, September 10, 2015** Email: [angie@mora.org](mailto:angie@mora.org) Fax: 573-491-4255 NOTE: Mailed ballots must also be received by this date. Mail to MORA, P.O. Box 2144, Jefferson City, MO 65102
- During the conference, there will be a ballot box at the registration desk. **Deadline is 4:00 pm Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**
- Any member in good standing may place himself or another member of the Association on the ballot for election to the Board of Directors by submitting a letter to the President, Dan Imig, ([deimig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deimig@sbcglobal.net)) at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting (September 15, 2015).
- Members must be in good standing and identify EITHER their name OR member number above. Election results will be announced Wednesday morning, September 16, 2015. For more information on each candidate please see pages 2 and 3. **Thank you for your participation!**

**Linda Adams**

Waste Specialist  
St-Louis-Jefferson  
Solid Waste  
Management  
Program



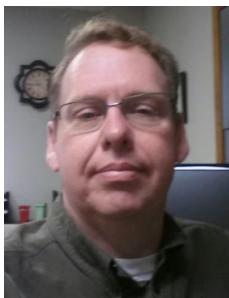
**Alicia LaVante**

University of  
Missouri-Columbia



**Kit Brewer**

Director of Randolph  
County Sheltered  
Industries (RCSI),  
Moberly



**Sue Noel**

Silver Dollar  
City, Branson



**Bill Guinther**

Retired-Parkway  
School District



**Mary Patterson**

Waste  
Diversion  
Supervisor  
St. Louis County



**Lauren Henry**

City of Jefferson City



**John Viau**

Northwest  
Missouri State  
University



## Linda Adams



Linda Adams has been a MORA member for more than 14 years, has served on the Board for 8 years and currently holds the position of Secretary on MORA's Executive Board. She is a Waste Specialist with the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District providing technical assistance, education and grant administration to the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, Jefferson and St. Charles County.

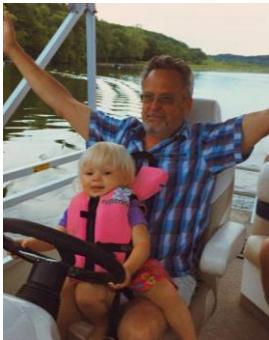
Linda has chaired special event recycling at multipal MORA events and loves networking at conference time. Linda initiated food composting for the first time at the 2006 MORA conference and composting continues to be an important aspect at the yearly conferences. She has also been instrumental in fundraising including coordination of the annual MORA Trivia Night and both live and silent auctions at conferences.

## Kit Brewer



Kit Brewer is the Director of Randolph County Sheltered Industries (RCSI), in Moberly MO. Kit manages an Extended Employment Center in Randolph County. RCSI maintains recycling routes and a processing facility, producing baled commodities from the County and surrounding area. Kit has been involved in 501(c)3 non-profit administration for the past 15 years overseeing both operations and fund raising. Kit writes and oversees a variety of grants including 9 solid waste district or DNR grants in the past 5 years. Kit is currently the District V Director and sits on the Missouri Association of Sheltered Workshops Board and is involved with the legislative committees for both MORA and MASWM. More than 40 sheltered workshops have at least some exposure to the recycling industry and provide for a high percentage of rural collections and processing in Missouri.

## Bill Guinther



Bill Gunther supervised and managed the Parkway School District's waste diversion and recycling program as well as the District's energy management/conservation program before retiring in 2009. Bill served on the MORA Board from the summer of 2008 through September of 2014 bringing a detailed perspective of what institutions like school districts need to be successful at waste minimization and recycling. He freely shared his experiences with MORA and other districts across MO to aid in their success. As a board member Bill served as vice-president of the Board and chair of the MORA Legislative Committee. He continues to serve as chair of MORA's Legislative Committee today. Bill would like to return to the Board and serve the association as a Board member as well as continue to work on the Legislative Committee.

## Lauren Henry



Lauren Henry has been in the Recycling Industry for 5 years as a Neighborhood Services Specialist with the City of Jefferson. She has served on the MORA Board of Directors for 3 years assisting in conference planning, the Membership Committee, and working with fellow Board Members on developing a State Certification Program. Lauren is also Chairperson of the Region H Solid Waste Management District. "I look forward to your vote and the opportunity to serve another 3 years on the MORA Board."

## Alicia LaVaute



Alicia has been a staff member of the University of Missouri – Columbia Sustainability Office for over three years. In her time there she has shaped effective programs that have led to all-time records in recycling and waste diversion on campus. She has proven her ability to fashion her messaging to match her audience; no matter if it is a room of preschoolers or chancellors, Alicia has a strong prowess for being able to communicate the importance of sustainable practices. Alicia has an interdisciplinary degree from MU and has had great success in bringing people to the table towards a common goal. Earlier this year MU earned a Gold STARS rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education with the help of Alicia shepherding the report to completion. Alicia coordinates special waste, recycling, service changes for buildings and special events with great ease and efficiency. She also stays informed on what practices other higher education institutions are adopting and takes a huge interest in MORA. She is actively working in every way she can to increase Missourian's propensity towards sustainable practices and believes recycling is the gateway to sustainability.

## Sue Noel



Sue Noel has been employed with Silver Dollar City for 37 years and has been the park's Environmental Project Coordinator for the past 24 years. In this role, she has been able to pursue her interest in energy conservation, alternative fuels, and green building within the tourism industry. Running for her fifth term, Sue has been an active participant in MORA committees but her primary focus for the first seven years was as Chair of the Conference Committee. She is excited about MORA's new waste diversion campaign, "Strive for 75% by 2025", and hopes to be involved in changing Missouri's waste diversion goal from the current 40% to 75%. Serving on the MORA board has been a very gratifying experience for Sue and she would like to continue to serve another term if you will honor her with your vote.

## Mary Patterson



Mary Patterson has been in the solid waste field for 21 years and currently is the Waste Diversion Supervisor for the Saint Louis County Department of Public Health. Running for her fourth term, Mary has served as Secretary and is the current Chair of the Education Committee. Mary is excited about MORA's role in moving Missouri to 75% Waste Diversion. In 2014, she wrote a successful grant to Region L that received \$25,000 in funding for a "Strive for 75 Education Campaign". Mary oversaw contracts and created content for "Strive for 75" education pieces that included a press kit, MORA's first billboard and an update of the Missouri Recycling Guide. She would like to continue her service to MORA as a member of the Board of Directors.

## John Viau



**John Viau** is the Sustainability Coordinator for Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. John has been a member of the MORA Legislative Committee since 2013, working to bring Higher Ed into a more active role in Missouri's recycling industry and trying to provide perspective to legislators about the very real impact recycling is having on the public sector in the state. John has worked in Facility Operations at Northwest for more than 15 years, working with Maintenance and Capital Program Departments to maximize resource outcomes across the Physical Plant. He has been serving as the Sustainability Coordinator since 2011, working to meet the needs of student, faculty, staff, and the community in a way that does not negatively impact our ability to do so in the future. Recycling continues to be key to the success of Northwest's sustainability program, by demonstrating that "Green" programs can have an economic return and meet our responsibility to promote and educate about environmental stewardship.