**Volunteer Conservation Chair: Role Description and Resources**

Conservation Chairs work closely with AMC’s Conservation Policy and Research Staff to educate and engage members and nonmembers in conservation action and stewardship activities. In addition, they report on opportunities for AMC to engage in local conservation actions such as providing comments for proposed legislation, writing letters relating to local issues, and responding to inquiries and requests from members and partners.

**Responsibilities:**

1. Attend meetings of the Executive Committee
2. Integrate Conservation into culture and practice in the local chapter
   1. Raise local awareness about AMC’s Conservation mission and priorities.
      1. Contribute conservation-oriented content to chapter newsletters and webpages
      2. Leverage events like Earth Day, National Trails Day, and National Public Lands Day
   2. Partner with local conservation organizations
   3. Engage in annual chapter budget planning in support of trainings and programs that accentuate conservation such as Leave No Trace; film series; speakers; etc.
   4. Use chapter communications channels to communicate conservation matters that are important at the regional and/or local level.
   5. Encourage people to sign up for AMC’s Conservation Action Network
3. Collaborate with AMC’s Conservation Policy and Research staff.
   1. Contact staff when a local conservation issue may warrant club engagement.
   2. Work with staff to seek input from the Chapter Executive Committee relating to a club priority or conservation position. This input can help AMC staff hone their messages and make decisions about how to approach a conservation action.
   3. Visit elected leaders, attend hearings, etc.
4. Rules
   * Chapter Executive Committees cannot, as a body, vote on whether or not to support conservation positions or priorities. In other words, a chapter must align with the positions and actions of the AMC and cannot take alternative stances.
   * Chapters cannot take a position on issues either in writing or in person without approval from the Vice President of Conservation. Contact Faith Salter to inquire about taking a position.

**Preferred Qualifications/Skills:**

* An AMC member in good standing.
* Good communication skills both in person and in writing.
* Event planning
* 1-3 hours/week
* Be an enthusiastic promoter of the Chapter and the AMC!