Gabe Goldberg, Advisor, Region 2
DC, NJ, PA, VA

Gabe evangelizes for user groups, believing they are an antidote to feeling alone with technical activities, challenges, problems, and triumphs. He's enjoyed being APCUG's Region 2 Advisor for many years.

Gabe served as Director of (Meeting) Programs for the Washington, DC-area CPCUG (Capitol PCUG), one of the oldest and largest PC user groups, where he organized and chaired the Internet SIG. He also served on the User Support Team for CPCUG's domain and on CPCUG's Board of Directors. He was founding member and director of several local user groups, and held management jobs in a national IBM user group. He has given hundreds of presentations to these and other groups and conferences. He has facilitated and helped exploit donations of commercial hardware and software to user groups. He's presently Director and APCUG Representative for PATACS, Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society <http://patacs.org/

Gabe is a technology writer, editor, and consultant targeting audiences from consumers to computer professionals.

He worked for a small software company as VP of Technology and Business Development, responsible for product planning, evolution, and development, along with documentation and customer support.

He also worked in the leading-edge data center of a federally-chartered not-for-profit consulting organization where he developed widely-used software tools aiding other installations' mainframe use; before that he designed and developed operating systems at IBM.

Bill James, Advisor, Region 8
AR, KS, LA, OK, MO, TX

Bill first became involved in a PC user's group in 1992 when he joined the Oklahoma PC User's Group now known as the Computer Club of Oklahoma City to learn more about the computer he purchased. He has been a member of the clubs' Board of Directors since 1998. Bill was elected CCOKC President in 2000 and served two terms and is currently serving as Vice President of Operations. He has recently gotten more involved with Home Automation using Google Home to automate his own home.

Bill belongs to the Windows 10 Insider Program and frequently gives presentations on new software to his club and is the go-to person on everything Android. He is broadening his knowledge base with learning the MacOS and iOS for Apple products. As a member of APCUG's Speakers Bureau, he frequently gives presentations to member groups on Windows 10, Android devices, home automation, and synchronizing devices.

Bill attended his first APCUG Fall Conference in 2003. He is a past APCUG Region 6 Advisor and Treasurer and served on the APCUG Board of Directors from 2006 to 2009.

If Bill isn't working with technology, you'll find him driving his mustang; he is the Parade Coordinator for the Oklahoma Mustang Club. He is also an active member of Toastmasters International Club #627. Bill is also a current member of the Board of Directors for North Care Center, a private non-profit behavioral and social services facility located in Oklahoma City.

John Kennedy, Advisor, Region 3
KY, MI, OH, TN
6/7 – IA, IL, MN, WI

John got his feet wet with computers in the early 80's with his first Atari personal computer. From that he continued with different mainline PCs until he built his first computer when he retired.

John taught elementary school for 25 years and finished his teaching career by teaching computer skills to middle schoolers for 10 years. During those years he was introduced to the Linux operating system. Since retiring, he has spent his time teaching senior citizen computer classes in a joint venture between the ECOTUC and the Licking County Aging Program.

Known around his area as "Free John," John does just about everything on the computer with free and open source software; that even includes his preferred operating system: Linux. John also spends many hours helping both Windows users and Linux users with their computer problems. In addition to heading the Senior Teaching Program, he co-hosts ECOTUC's "Linux Help Desk/SIG" that meets twice a month, and has helped start the "Windows Help Me/Show Me" Help Desk/SIG that meets monthly. He recently started ECOTUC's FF-F&F (Fifth Friday-Focus & Fun) meeting which thoroughly explores one topic on each Fifth Friday. He also runs the "Zoom Meetings" for both the ECOTUC Executive Board meetings and, whenever possible, for the monthly club presentations for those that aren't able to physically attend.

John is a member of the APCUG Speakers Bureau; he has done a number of interactive webinar presentations for computer groups around the country and has often presented at regional conferences in Ohio.

Jere Minch, Region 5 Advisor
AL, FL, GA, SC

Jere is the Advisor for Region 5 and, as a member of the Speakers Bureau, has given numerous presentations to member groups. He is also a frequent presenter at APCUG's Virtual Technology Conferences and recently gave a presentation at the annual conference.

Jere is a member of the Lake Sumter Computer Society that meets at the Lake Sumter State College, Leesburg, Florida. He has served as Publicity Chairman and is currently the Program Director. Jere started basic computer seminars for members of the Lake Sumter Computer Society in a computer classroom at the college. He also teaches classes in basic computers, Windows 10, iPad, and iPhone, at the Leesburg Library.

Jere entered the US Navy in 1960 and served in Submarines for 20 years as a computer operator for Submarine Launch Ballistic Missile (SLBM) Weapons Systems: Polaris, Poseidon and Trident. He was a Navy Instructor for the Trident Missile System for three years. After retirement, he was employed by the Department of the Navy at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, VA; as a Computer System Analysts for 17 years. After final retirement in December 1996, Jere moved to Florida and worked in a computer shop; he also taught computer basics to his neighbors in the community. In 2001, he moved to Scottish Highlands, established a computer training facility and started teaching basic computers to the local senior residents.

Mike Smith, Advisor
Region 9 – AZ, CO, NV

Since retiring in 2007, Mike has volunteered at his Winter resort's large computer club (SuperCom Computer Club in Apache Junction AZ) as a tech, website admin, and Programs Chair. He volunteered to be VP of his much smaller Summer community club (Villages Computer Club in Dewey AZ that meets from June – August). The APCUG Speaker's Bureau has benefited both clubs this season via Zoom.

Mike seems to have become the local Geek, which has allowed him to not only help when he can, but provide resources when it's beyond his capability. He has given presentations to his clubs on computer maintenance programs and password managers.

He was recently appointed a Director At Large for the Villages HOA Board of Directors.

Judy Taylour, Advisor
Region 10 - California
Region 11 - ID, WA
International – Australia and Canada

Judy is a 30-year member of the SCV Computer Club where she serves as president, editor and webmaster. She is also co-facilitator for the Southern California Regional User Group Summit (SCRUGS), a group of technology clubs in Southern California that have gotten together quarterly for over 20 years to share ideas and presenter information, solve problems, etc.

She has been involved with APCUG since 2003 and has served as BODA chair for over 10 years. Judy has given numerous presentations at APCUG's annual conferences, local technology clubs, and webinars via APCUG's Speakers Bureau. She holds various positions in APCUG.

Judy is a proponent of lifelong learning. She taught adult education tech classes for 22 years through her local high school district and has been a member of the Pierce College Computer Applications and Office Technologies Advisory Committee for 15 years. The committee meets annually to suggest courses for the next school year.

She was an active participant in the Southwest Technology & Computer Conference for 23 years and served as chair or co-chair for over 15 years.

Sam Wexler, Advisor, Region 1
CT, NY

Sam became involved with computers more than 60 years ago when he programmed the IBM 650 in Watson Lab at Columbia University. He retired from IBM in 1993 after 30 years; half as a lab "techie" and the other half in headquarters. He has been associated with Computer & Technology User Groups for more than 40 years. Before there were groups like APCUG and FACUG, there was GUIDE which is an association of IBM mainframe users and during some of his time at IBM, Sam was a GUIDE rep. He is a charter member of IEEE and was also a member of the two groups that merged to form IEEE; it is the world's largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity.

Sam has been a very successful serial entrepreneur with a 100% success rate since Carter was in the White House; creating, running and selling businesses at several locations on the US East Coast like Hilton Head Island, SC. In 1993 he co-founded one of the largest entrepreneur groups at that time. Sam believes the best way to increase membership, interest and speakers in your User Group is to run it like an entrepreneur and includes running Consumer Technology Conferences and Expos on land like Club Med as well as on a cruise ship. He has an excellent track record to prove it all works and gives presentations on this subject to entrepreneur as well as computer and technology user groups. Sam has more than 25,000 Direct-Connects on LinkedIn so he obviously is known by a lot of people who want to work with him and he can be reached via LinkedIn as well as APCUG and FACUG.

Sam has been President of the Valencia Falls Computer & Technology Club in Delray Beach, FL since it was created in 2002, APCUG Advisor for Region 1 (Northeast states

NY to Maine) since 2007 and President of the Florida Association of Computer User Groups (FACUG) since 2009. He divides his time between Poughkeepsie, NY and Delray Beach, FL. Sam has a Bachelors and Masters in Electrical Engineering from New York University and an MBA from Union College.