

Dr. Steven Kraskow

I received a BA in Music and Cultural Anthropology...a million years ago! Cultural anthropology helped establish my world view. Music has been the joy of my life and is the art form I have been most connected to.

My first CD, "Hungry Bear, Take It to the Edge," was finished in 1991. I thought creating an original recording would "get it out of my system", BUT IT ONLY MADE IT WORSE!

My second (overdue) release was completed in 2017, "Karmic Fusion, Pre-Existing Funky Condition." I'm currently working on my next recording.

I love the blues (and jazz and soul and R&B and funk and hip hop and rock and fusion!) Blues is the basis of much of my writing, playing and performing. I expect that will continue until I stop breathing!

My education continued with a MS in Nursing and a Doctoral degree in Chiropractic. I've been in private practice in natural healthcare for 25 years. I was president of a professional organization related to my work. I expect that experience to be helpful serving on the WBS board of directors.

The Wichita Blues Society has been working hard for many years and I've benefited quite a bit from that work. I've had the enjoyment of multiple Blues Balls, blues based shows, blues crawls...and a few cool shirts! I have played several blues crawls, and whether playing or attending as a fan, I'd always go to the After Party. Every After Party has been an awesome get together. We've been able to count on that twice a year. I'd like to make sure that continues to happen!

The continuation of Blues in the Schools (BITS) is crucial. Introducing kids to the blues, the cornerstone of many genres of today's music, seems essential to "Keeping the Blues Alive. It is always good to plant seeds.

In addition to the above, it needs to be stated that the WBS supports musicians in a number of ways. Through sponsoring gigs, promoting shows, providing a gig calendar, and sponsoring a monthly jam that helps musicians connect with each other and is fun for the audience.

The WBS has been a gift to Wichita, another grass roots endeavor, and I would like to do my part to keep it vibrant. It would be an honor and a privilege to be on the Board of Directors of this important organization.