WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE DIRECTOR?

Cooperative Network and the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives have formatted the spring 2018 Co-op Directors Forum based on director input! This education forum will focus on legal issues, utilizing external expertise in the board room, and the economic tradeoffs of growth. An optional pre-session, "Cooperative Directors 101," will be offered at no additional cost. New and veteran directors from co-ops of all types and sectors are encouraged to attend this interactive forum.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m.  Cooperative Directors 101
Cooperative Directors 101 is for new directors, or those who would like a refresher on cooperative board responsibilities. This training will provide a basic overview of cooperative board structure, director roles and best practices. This pre-session is optional to those attending the spring 2018 Co-op Directors Forum.

Courtney Berner, Executive Director, UW Center for Cooperatives

9:30 a.m.  Registration

9:45 a.m.  Legal Update and Case Studies
The board of directors is the strategic decision-making arm for your cooperative. In this session, legal counsel will test attendees with real-life legal situations and lead group discussion on decision making.

Dave Swanson, Partner, Dorsey Whitney LLP

10:45 a.m.  Break

11 a.m.  Leveraging External Expertise in the Board Room
A board of directors elected by and from the membership is one of the co-op model's greatest assets. There are times, however, when a board can benefit from the experience and expertise of outside professionals. This session will explore the different techniques cooperatives have used to bring outside expertise into the board room.

12:30 p.m.  Lunch (included with registration)

1:30 p.m.  Economic Tradeoffs of Growth
Regardless of the type of business your cooperative conducts, board directors are always challenged to maintain the relevance of their cooperative. Some of the ways directors do this are by evaluating the co-op's growth opportunities, member services, and overall value proposition. This panel will feature cooperative directors and managers who have experience in weighing the pros and cons of growth at a cooperative.

3 p.m.  Q&A and Adjourn

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SCHOLARSHIPS

There is a limited number of scholarships available to attend the Forum. Please contact Ethan Giebel for more information.

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