Co-op Directors Forum

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE DIRECTOR?

In this new director education series offered by Cooperative Network and the UW Center for Cooperatives, directors will hear best practices from across the cooperative spectrum; understand how the board can best support the co-op’s success; learn how to be a more effective part of the team; and prepare for board leadership roles. New and veteran directors from co-ops of all types and sectors are encouraged to attend this interactive forum.

AGENDA - Monday, December 12, 2016

9 a.m.  Registration

9:15 a.m.  Cooperative Equity Management
Cooperative equity management, and the surrounding issues, is on the mind of every cooperative director. Developing and executing a plan is key to future success. In this interactive session, we will cover a variety of topics including: the importance of a cooperative equity policy; the 3 "legs" of capital management; how income taxes play a role in equity management; patronage refund options and how they affect equity management; and equity redemptions - what are the alternatives?

Be prepared to bring your thoughts/comments/suggestions/questions to share with the group. There are many different programs in place and we will discuss the pros and cons of various equity management policies and the issues that may arise from those programs.

Jeff Brandenburg, CPA, Managing Principal Agribusiness and Cooperatives, CliftonLarsonAllen (Middleton, Wis.)
Michael Lensmire, CPA, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen (Stevens Point, Wis.)

10:45 a.m.  Break

11 a.m.  Legal Update
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.

David Swanson, Partner, Dorsey Whitney LLP (Minneapolis, Minn.)

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

1:30 p.m.  Governance Best Practices
Make the most of your board of directors by implementing effective governance practices. A panel of experienced board members will share their perspective on critical board roles, effective committee structures, meeting agendas, succession planning practices, communication and board evaluation standards.

Holly Fearing, Board President, Willy Street Grocery Co-op (Madison, Wis.)
Jim Hager, Director, Clark Electric Cooperative (Greenwood, Wis.)
Rachel Hart-Brinson, Board President, Just Local Food Co-op (Eau Claire, Wis.)

Moderator: Anne Reynolds, Executive Director, UW Center for Cooperatives (Madison, Wis.)

3 p.m.  Adjourn

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Register online at: regonline.com/coopdirectorsforum2016

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