Member Relations Committee Charter



Purpose: Facilitate communication, awareness and engagement between the Co-op Membership, Staff and Board.

Committee Essential Functions:

- 1. Organize and host the Co-op Annual Membership Meeting. Collaborate with the Board on setting the agenda, date, budget, and outreach.
- 2. Support the Co-op Annual Elections in collaboration with the Elections Task Force and Outreach.
- 3. Organize and host Co-op Conversations as necessary in collaboration with other relevant groups.
- 4. Create and maintain a Co-op Member Guide that includes policies and procedures relevant to members, such as: organization bylaws; decision-making structure; information on who-to-go-to-for-what; processes for filing a grievance or appeal, and how to join a committee or become a Working Member. Each store will have a hard copy available for members to review that will include a link to the same documents online.)
- 5. Create and maintain clear Tabling Policies and Guidelines for the stores.
- 6. Create and maintain policy for the Round-Up at the Register donations program.
- 7. Consider member appeals to the Staff Resolution Team's decisions regarding Behavioral Agreements and No Trespass Orders (see Appeals Process.)

Committee Essential Tasks:

- 1. Respond to member inquiries as appropriate in coordination with: Membership, Suggestions Coordinator, Customer Service, Resolution Team, Outreach, or Board.
- 2. Support Outreach efforts by performing tasks such as: tabling; setting up and tearing down. events; writing articles; conducting research, and more.
- 3. Create and maintain a working Annual Member Relations Committee Schedule.-
- 4. Support Outreach CAT to develop an Annual Co-op Marketing Plan.
- 5. Review quarterly reports from the Resolution Team, Working Member CAT, and Suggestions Coordinator.

Staff Representatives' Essential Tasks:

- 1. Act as Committee Coordinator
- 2. Monitor the Member Relations Committee email account and ensure a response is made within one week. Bring relevant messages to the Committee for consideration and forward others as appropriate.
- 3. Coordinate requests from applicants to the Round-Up Program, including: channeling requests to the Collective and Board for consent, communicating with applicants, and coordinating with POS, Outreach and Accounts Payable.
- 4. Representative from Outreach CAT will give regular status reports.
- 5. Submit Staff Labor Hours Request for Annual Co-op Operating Budget Negotiations

Committee Makeup:

Up to 4 Board Representatives (including a Community Sustaining Fund liaison to the Board)

Up to 4 Members-At-Large (see Application Process)

Up to 4 Staff Representatives (including at least one from Outreach CAT)