

November Board Meeting Recap – Submitted by James Kloor

Annual Membership Meeting

We had a great turn out with over 120 attendees, compared to 100 last year. Board President Leah Stamper reminded all in attendance that our cooperative is more than a grocer. We're an institution committed to our values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of our founders, we believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others. We had a robust question and answer session, with many member-owners diving in deep with the board and management about future goals for North Coast Co-op, as well as our current standing. A special thanks to Roger for emceeding the event, as well as all the Co-op staff who helped organize and run the event.

Election Recap

A total of 378 valid ballots were counted. James Kloor received 334 votes for the General Director seat, with three additional write-in candidates. Cheri Strong received 346 'yes' votes and 18 'no' votes for the open Employee Director seat. The Single Membership Bylaw amendment passed with 242 'yes' votes and 110 'no' votes. If you'd like to read more about the Single Membership Bylaws change, Colin Fiske wrote a detailed article in *Co-op News* (www.northcoast.coop/co-op_news/single-person-memberships-proposed-on-bylaws). On behalf of the board, thank you to everyone who voted in this year's election, continuing to hold Democratic Member Participation, one of our Cooperative Principles, and keeping our Co-op strong.

New Board Slate

Following an election, the board revisits the current slate of officers. This year our slate is as follows:

- President – Colin Fiske
- Vice President – Robert Donovan
- Secretary – Leah Stamper
- Treasurer – James Kloor

Arcata Parking Lot

The Earth Action Committee (EAC) continues discussing and envisioning future versions of the Arcata parking Lot. This may not sound incredibly exciting, but the EAC is coming up with some amazing ideas, and working to improve something we all interact with when we visit the Arcata store. We are in the early stages of planning a strategic planning process and will have more information on member participation soon.

Future Development in Eureka

A highlight of this month's board meeting was an informative presentation by Robert Holmlund, Director of Economic and Community Development Services, City of Eureka. Robert shared inspirational ideas for future development in Eureka, specifically those located near the Co-op in Eureka, as well as improvements that are currently being implemented. If you want to find out more about plans for development in Eureka there will be a meeting on November 28, 6-8pm at the Wharfinger building.

For More Information About the Board Meeting

Members are encouraged to attend Board meetings which are held the first Thursday of every month at 6pm, at the Ten Pin building on the south corner of K and 8th Street in Arcata. Agendas are posted one week prior to the meeting and can be found in both stores, requested at customer service or read online along with past board meeting minutes at www.northcoast.coop/about_us/board/meeting_packets.