

Grocery and/or natural foods:

Community groups:

Management/administration:

Personnel/supervisory:

Public relations:

Consumer issues:

Local or national politics:

Co-op leadership:

Other:

C. INTEREST:

1. Why would you like to serve on the NCCI board?

2. What opportunities and challenges do you foresee for NCCI's future?

3. Other comments

August 1

- Application due to Nominating Committee (NC).
- NC reviews applications & notifies candidates.

August 15

- Candidate Statements & photos due.

September 16 VOTING BEGINS

- Voting begins-ballot boxes at each store

September 22

- Candidate Forum at Eureka Co-op. Your opportunity to meet members! 6:30 to 8 p.m.

October 6

- Candidate Forum at Arcata Co-op Your opportunity to meet members! 6:30 to 8 p.m.

October 16 VOTING ENDS

- Voting ends at 5 p.m. Ballot counting begins.

October 25

- Annual Membership Meeting at the Adorni Center election results announced.

II. PHOTO

The Nominating Committee would like to include a photograph of each candidate in the ballot packet. You may provide a **color** photo with your application or make an appointment for one to be taken by Co-op staff. Jacquie may be reached at (707) 826-8670 ext. 120 to make photo appointments.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Detach and complete the two-sided questionnaire in this brochure and return to Customer Service by: Saturday, August 1. Then, start preparing a Candidate Statement that will appear in the Ballot Section of the Fall Co-op News.

Feel free to save paper and submit an electronic version of your questionnaire and candidate statement to valeriedavis@northcoastco-op.com by August 1 for the questionnaire and by August 15 for the statement.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION 2009**

We appreciate your interest in serving on the Board of Directors of the North Coast Cooperative.

The North Coast Cooperative's Board of Directors is composed of 7 members: 2 worker members and 5 members at large. This year two member at large seats will be coming vacant. Background information, an election time line, and an application form are enclosed.

We welcome any opportunity to discuss questions you may have regarding these materials.

We anticipate hearing from you and receiving your application, statement and photo.

Sincerely,

North Coast Cooperative Board of Directors



INSTRUCTIONS:

DETACH AND COMPLETE THE TWO-SIDED QUESTIONNAIRE IN THIS BROCHURE AND RETURN TO CUSTOMER SERVICE BY: SATURDAY, AUGUST 1. THEN, START PREPARING A CANDIDATE STATEMENT THAT WILL APPEAR IN THE BALLOT SECTION OF THE FALL CO-OP NEWS. FEEL FREE TO SAVE PAPER AND SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE AND CANDIDATE STATEMENT TO VALERIEDAVIS@NORTHCOASTCO-OP.COM BY AUGUST 1 FOR THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND BY AUGUST 15 FOR THE STATEMENT.

BACKGROUND FOR CANDIDATES

MEETINGS: The North Coast Cooperative board meets on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Regular meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

June 25 at 6 p.m.
at the Hotel Arcata
in the Conference Room

Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.
in the Eureka Co-op
Community Meeting Room

July 23 at 6 p.m.
in the Eureka Co-op
Community Meeting Room

Oct. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m.
Annual Membership Meeting
At the Adorni Center
in Eureka

Aug. 27 at 6 p.m.
at the Hotel Arcata
in the Conference Room

The Nominating Committee encourages candidates to attend at least one meeting prior to the election.

COMMITTEES: The board currently has three standing committees: Finance, Cooperative Affairs (membership), and Nominating. Additionally the Executive Committee, made up of the board's elected officers, prepares for board meetings and provides continuity between meetings.

Generally, all board members are expected to participate on at least one committee throughout the course of their tenure. Committee assignments are appointed by the Board Chair, in consultation with board members.

TERMS: Board terms are for three years and begin November 1, 2009

COMPENSATION: Board members receive a cash stipend of \$200.00 per month.

TRAINING: The Co-op annually arranges for special training for directors, content is dependent on need and interest. In addition, the Co-op provides each director with a background manual describing the Co-op's operations and organizational procedures.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT & PHOTO

The Co-op's Nominating committee will be presenting a photo and statement from each candidate in a voter's information pamphlet. These will be mailed with the ballot and available in the stores. Each candidate's statement and photo must be received by Saturday August 15, 2009 at Customer Service or via email to Valerie Davis at valeriedavis@northcoastco-op.com.

I. STATEMENT:

The Nominating Committee requests that you consider the following questions for your candidate statement. Your statement will be presented verbatim, although we will correct obvious typographical errors. In the interests of succinct and uniform presentation, we request that your statement be no longer than 450 words. If no statement is attached, the Nominating committee will compile the candidate's responses to questions 1, 2, and 3 in the "Interest" section of the application.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER FOR CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

1. Discuss your background as it relates to serving on the North Coast Cooperative Board of Directors. Why would you like to serve on the North Coast Co-op Board?

2. What business, financial, leadership, or organizational experience would you bring to the board?

3. What opportunities and challenges do you foresee for North Coast Co-op in the next five years?

4. Describe your experience and interest in cooperatives.

QUESTIONS: For further information please contact: Valerie Davis Member Services Director & Administrative Assistant to the Board (707) 826-8670 ext. 135.

BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION

To help us recruit members with a variety of skills, we need some basic information on your background, training and talents, what you feel you can offer the co-op, and what interests you about serving on the board.

Name: _____

Member Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone
work/day: _____

home/evenings: _____

Email: _____

A. BACKGROUND DATA:

1. Biographical Information:

Current Occupation:

Education: (Include institution, specialization, and degrees earned.)

Special Interests:

2. Board Experience: Please include the name of the organization, number of years as a director, officer positions held, and whether you are currently serving.

Cooperatives or credit unions:

Private businesses:

Non-profits or community agencies:

3. Business and/or Organizational Experience: List and briefly describe any business and/or volunteer positions (including community and political activities) you have held.

B. SKILLS:

Describe your skills and experience in the following areas:

Financial analysis: