

# Voting Instructions

## WHO MAY VOTE

Any individual who is a member. A member is an individual who owns at least one "A share" and three "B shares" in his or her own name, as shown on the records of the Concord Food Co-op, Inc. at of the close of business on September 16, 2017. If your spouse/partner owns the shares, your spouse/partner may vote, but you may not, even if you have a scan tag that you show at the store register when you make a purchase. If you want to know whether or not you are an eligible voting member, call Finance Manager Pete Deleault at 603-227-9696.

## HOW DO I VOTE?

Ballots may be downloaded and printed from our website and will be available for pick-up at all Co-op store locations beginning August 21, 2017.

**After completing your ballot, you MUST place it into an envelope (whether you are dropping it off or mailing it) and write the following information on the sealed exterior flap:**

- Your name as it appears on the Co-op's membership roster
- Your member number\*

*\*See the back of your member card or key tags (the series of five digits beginning with a zero) for your member number or call the Concord store at 603-225-6840 for assistance.*

**A ballot without this verifying information will be considered invalid** and will not be counted. Duplicates and ballots from members who are not eligible to vote will not be counted.

## WHAT ABOUT VOTER ANONYMITY?

Your ballot must be securely sealed inside an envelope. Envelopes with voter identification information will remain sealed until the close of the voting period (2:00 pm Saturday, September 16, 2017). Member names and numbers will be used only to verify the validity of each vote received and to eliminate duplicate ballots. At the close of the voting period, Board-appointed ballot counters working in pairs will separate each folded ballot from its envelope and put it into a collection of folded ballots until all successfully validated envelopes have been emptied. Only after the complete separation of ballots from their identifying envelopes will ballot counters open and count the ballots.

## WHEN AND WHERE CAN I VOTE?

Method	Deadline
By ballot, hand-delivered to the Concord Co-op store in Concord	Friday, September 15, 2017 at 8 pm
By ballot, hand-delivered to the Concord Co-op store in New London	Friday, September 15, 2017 at 6 pm
By ballot, sent by mail and received at the Concord Food Co-op. Ballots must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked:  ELECTIONS Concord Food Co-op 24 South Main Street Concord, NH 03301	Ballots must be received before Friday, September 15, 2017 at 6 pm
By ballot cast at the Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2016 at 1 pm (balloting open 1 - 2:00 pm) at Concord Food Co-op, 24 S Main St, Concord NH	Saturday, September 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm

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ELECTIONS  
Concord Food Co-op  
24 South Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Your Name  
Your 5-digit Member #

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# 2017 OFFICIAL BALLOT

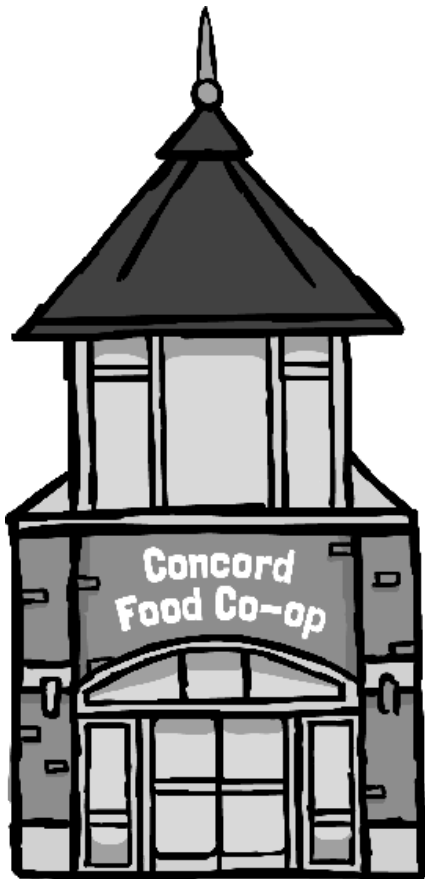
## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Five Directors are to be elected in 2017; the three candidates with the most votes will be elected to three-year terms, while the candidate with the fourth & fifth highest vote total will be elected to a one-year term.

(See the Annual Meeting/Ballot Brochure for descriptions of each candidate.)

**Please place a check mark on the lines next to UP TO FIVE of your chosen candidates.**

Candidate's Name (in alphabetical order)	Vote
Peter Engel	
Cathy Menard	
Derek Owen	
Tracie Sponenberg	
Finis Williams	



## COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAM

Congratulations to our new Community Partners for 2017. We look forward to working with the following community organizations over the next year.

**The Concord-Merrimack County SPCA** ([www.concordspca.org](http://www.concordspca.org)) is dedicated to caring for abandoned and homeless pets, protecting and advocating for pets in need, and promoting the humane treatment of all animals. The shelter strives to place homeless animals in loving homes that are committed to their lifetime care.

The purpose of the **Concord Coalition to End Homelessness** ([www.helpendhomelessness.org](http://www.helpendhomelessness.org)) is to convene service providers, key partners, and other stakeholders in the work to end homelessness in the greater Concord community.

**Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire** ([www.cccnh.org](http://www.cccnh.org)) serves Merrimack County. We help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

**The Friends Emergency Housing Program** ([www.friendsprogram.org](http://www.friendsprogram.org)) is a temporary shelter for homeless families staffed 24/7. The program employs a strong community-based case management approach that focuses on financial literacy, education, and day to day life skills.

**The Friendly Kitchen** ([www.thefriendlykitchen.org](http://www.thefriendlykitchen.org)) feeds the hungry. Volunteers prepare and serve dinner daily, lunch on weekdays, and breakfast on the weekends year round. During the winter months breakfast is served daily. All are welcome.

**NOFA-NH** - Northeast Organic Farming Association of NH - ([www.nofanh.org](http://www.nofanh.org)) supports organic farmers, gardeners, and landcare providers with educational programs to build a thriving organic, ecologically sound, and diverse healthy community.

*Thank You  
for Voting!*

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