

Please join us at our

2019 ANNUAL MEMBER CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 14, 2019

This year's Celebration will be held at

THE HOTEL CONCORD

11 South Main Street, Concord, NH

(Across the street from the Co-op)

The Afternoon's Schedule...

2:30 - 3:30 Member/Partners Meet & Greet

Business Meeting

Chris Gilbert, General Manager

Cathy Menard, Board President

3:00 Board Balloting Closes

3:30-4:30 Vendor Tables Open

3:30 Music Starts

4:00 Food Service provided by the Co-op Café

4:30 Ballot Results are Announced

5:00 Event Ends

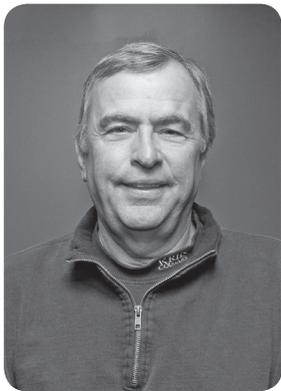


BALLOT ENCLOSED

CANDIDATES

Questions...

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors?
2. What experience & expertise would you bring to the Board?
3. Please describe skills you have that would directly contribute to achieving the overall vision of the Co-op.
4. Describe an experience where you worked on a team. What did you offer the team?
How did you compromise for the team's benefit?
5. What do you see as the most important issues facing the Co-op in the coming five to ten years?
6. Why do you believe Member-Owners should choose you to represent them?



FINIS WILLIAMS

Profession: Attorney
Lives in Concord, NH

I have been serving on the Board for several years and am seeking an additional term on the Co-op's Board of Directors and would ask for your support. I have served as President of the Co-op for 2 terms from 2013 to 2015.

My goal has always been to help the Co-op assist with our management,

maintain our focus on cooperative values, and attend to the needs of employees and customers. I have always been strongly

committed to the Co-op's mission of providing locally grown organic food to our customers. I also support the Co-op's mission of being owned by its members which means it is not being manipulated by the industrial corporate system.

I am an attorney and have maintained a solo practice for almost 30 years. I am a past president for the New Hampshire Association for Justice. I have also served as legal counsel to the New Hampshire Democratic Party from 2002-2008 and in 2006 was one of the attorneys handling the civil matter regarding the phone jamming case. I would like to continue to participate in assisting the Co-op in preserving its mission and staying financially strong in spite of increased competition for the sale of natural and organic foods.

I would appreciate your support.



JENNIFER ROFF

Profession: Stay at Home Parent & Homeschooler
Lives in Concord, NH

I have been a member of the Co-op for several years, and shop there often - sometimes many times a week! As a local food enthusiast and supporter of downtown Concord businesses, I know the importance of the Co-op to our community. I would be grateful for

the opportunity to represent the Member-Owners and to help the Co-op on its current successful growth. The Co-op is so much more than a great grocery store!

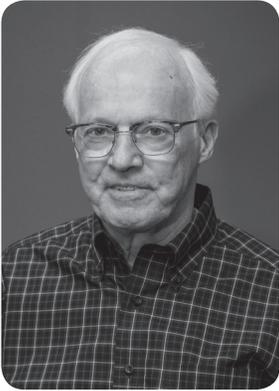
I'm an artist with a professional history in the arts, both for- and non-profit. Years of selling art at a Boston area gallery taught me a great deal about building customer relationships and loyalty. Later, as Corporate Art Program Director at DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, MA, I learned about the balance of making money to support an institution while upholding, not compromising, the greater mission to serve the public. I am excited about living in Concord and building a healthy community for our local families. I currently serve on

the Concord Public Library Foundation board, coordinating a program called Books for Babies that distributes books to babies born at Concord Hospital and Concord Birth Center. At the Concord Unitarian Universalist Church, I have taught Sunday school for 3 years, using UU curriculum that embraces diversity, honors nature, and teaches respect for all.

I have experience working with committees, boards, and educational co-ops toward a common goal (supporting our library, a museum, an arts benefit, or teaching a group of children). I'm not an HR professional or a finance person, but an enthusiastic supporter of the co-op model in which every member has a say. On the board, I would represent the Concord families who depend on the Co-op for wholesome food for their kids and local community connection.

In my experience, working on a team is always a give and take, or offer and compromise. Recently, I found myself involved in too many volunteer activities. The Concord Public Library Foundation and the Books for Babies project, teaching Sunday school at the Concord UU as well as other UU committees, and building a new homeschool co-op with about 10 other families. These teams were all important to me, but I was stretched too thin. The compromise I made was that I had to let a few things go. It was very hard to give up my involvement in any of these projects, but by giving them up I got better at the work that I remained committed to.

CANDIDATES



JAMES MCCONAHA

Profession: Retired
Lives in Concord, NH

I live in Concord and have been a customer and member of the Concord Food Co-op for a long time. Since we gave up cooking several years ago, we visit the Co-op almost every day.

Many people often regard the Co-op as a fancy, high-priced gourmet

store. It truly is more than that, but members deserve what they really shop for: high quality natural and organic foods, a priority on local farms for in-season fruits and vegetables, products that have proven nutritional and health value, and reasonable prices.

In addition to focusing on these product goals, as a board member I will continue to work for strong and transparent financial management, a rewarding work environment for all employees, active board communication with Member-Owners, and a Co-op that serves the entire community.

My life to date: I grew up on a farm and served in the U.S. Air Force, I taught political and environmental science at the University of Maine and New England College, owned and operated my own business, directed the USDA Farm Service Agency and served as the State's Historic Preservation Officer. I've been a member of the Concord Heritage Commission, active in community development issues, and treasurer of many organizations. I currently serve as Secretary to the Co-op Board of Directors.



KRISTA HELMBOLDT

Profession: Easement Program
Manager at The Nature Conservancy
Lives in Concord, NH

We have a great staff and a great cooperative community! I care deeply about ensuring that our Co-op: maintains its vitality and importance in the Concord Community and is a successful business; is a great place for our staff to work; is an economic conduit

for local farmers and producers; and is a nourishing place for members and others to find healthy, tasty, and local foods, to learn, and to build community. I have been a member of the Co-op since the first week I moved to the area 32 years ago; I served on the Board for 7 years early in our history and again more recently for the past 8 years; I am interested in continuing my service for another term because I wish to help maintain the momentum and progress on several important

issues and opportunities that have a strong impact on our Co-op and community.

My relevant experience includes long-term service on 3 other volunteer Boards, and 11-year residence in a housing cooperative. For my career, I have worked for an environmental non-profit organization for 34 years, and I am fortunate to work with a team of colleagues in a collaborative work environment. What I bring to these team efforts is direct communication, hard work, dedication, integrity, and a desire to solve problems. I value and strive for understanding the views of an array of individuals in an attempt to broaden my perspective and to find thoughtful solutions that reflect the wisdom of many minds working together on a challenge to achieve a common goal.

I am grateful for your support and vote. My focus for the next 3 years includes supporting the Co-op's continued and increased vitality in: 1) serving its unique niche of providing healthy foods to members of our community; 2) being a good place to work; and 3) serving as a strong place of community.

PLACE YOUR VOTE IN-STORE,
ONLINE, THROUGH MAIL, OR AT OUR
ANNUAL MEMBER CELEBRATION!