

Member Affairs Committee (MAC) Minutes
October 1, 2024

Present: Erin Grant, Alex McIntyre, Lydia Cox, Karen Folger, Leah Aspen, Holly O'Neil, Annabelle Wesley

Absent: Nathan Chapman, Laura Steiger

Consent Agenda

- August MAC Minutes
- August BOD Minutes

Approved by consensus.

Board Report

- The Strategic Plan has been published on the Co-op site.
- The Board is in the process of hiring the next CEO. They are moving forward with a promising candidate.

Community Shopping Day (CSD) Application Review and Recommendations

- Declaration of conflicts of interest or perceived conflict of interest: The facilitator confirmed there were no conflicts of interest.
- **Selection Process:** The MAC received 37 vetted applications. MAC members reviewed all applications prior to the meeting. They completed a survey indicating their top 12 selections based on the following criteria and questions:

Alignment and Capacity:

- How well does the group align with the Co-op's mission/vision/values and goals (including EDI)?
- Do they appear to have the capacity to accomplish what they are proposing?
- Does it make sense – is the project clear, does the budget seem realistic, and does it seem that the activities will lead to the intended results?
- Is the project timely? Does there appear to be momentum behind their cause?

Adding Value:

- How much would \$2,000 mean to this group?
- How much would the publicity matter to this group at this time?
- Will this project help create change?
- Will this CSD help our Co-op be more accessible or visible to new and/or more diverse communities?

The survey results were compiled and used to inform the decision-making process during the meeting.

CSD's selected in no particular order (confidential until after the Oct. 9 Board meeting and after Outreach has notified the applicants):

- HomesNow!
- Stewart Mountain Community Forest
- Common Thread Farm
- Wild Bird Charity
- Foster Hearts
- Peoples Land Trust
- Assistance League of Bellingham
- Miracle Food Network
- Brigadoon Service Dogs
- Blue Skies for Children
- Chardi Kala Project
- Center for Spiritual Living

An alternate organization was not selected this year.

October Meeting Topics:

- Awarding the remaining MAC Project Funds and Community Building Dollars
- Determining how to use the MAC funds moving forward
- Annual Meeting brainstorming

Closing

Adjourn

Next meeting: October 30, at 5:30 pm in-person