

Why I wish to run for a NCBA Board seat?

I have never felt stronger about the growth potential for cooperative businesses and membership than I do today. Unfortunately, an economic downturn had to arise to reaffirm my optimistic viewpoint regarding cooperative expansion.

After spending over half of my professional life employed by purchasing cooperatives, primarily in the building materials sector, the cooperative bug has bitten me too. It is no longer just a job...it has become a passion. I feel extremely blessed to have found a career in this incredible cooperative industry.

I am forever grateful for the friendships I have developed and knowledge imparted by my peers during the last eleven NCBA Annual Conference for Purchasing Cooperatives. The early success of BLUE HAWK, a relatively immature cooperative, is largely attributed to my involvement in the NCBA.

Hence, similar to past and present board members, I would like to give back to the cooperative community by volunteering my time and commitment to the NCBA.

I have become a vocal advocate for the ideal of “co-ops supporting co-ops”, and hope all cooperative members share this steadfast principle. I believe my collaborative style would be an asset to the board as we explore ways to maximize our collective patronage to fellow cooperatives, which will strengthen our local communities.

Furthermore, I believe I would represent the cooperative constituents well on the NCBA Board because of my purchasing cooperative experience, and the fact that proportionally speaking the wholesaler purchasing cooperatives are underrepresented on today’s board.

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