

Kevin Higginbotham's Candidate Statement:

I joined NCBA CLUSA in 1998 and have participated in the annual Purchasing Cooperatives Conference since that time. As I came to understand the goals and vision of NCBA CLUSA, I began to get more involved with the purchasing cooperative community. I have served for several years on the Planning Committee for the Purchasing Cooperative Conference and have spoken or moderated panel discussions at a number of conferences. In 2013, I served as chair of the Planning Committee.

I am a firm believer in the cooperative movement and have sought to find ways to partner with other cooperatives for mutual benefit. A number of years ago, I joined with several other purchasing cooperatives to form a networking group of cooperative executives to share best practices. This has been a rewarding experience for me personally and professionally.

I would like to be considered as a candidate for the NCBA CLUSA Board of Directors as a way to give back to the cooperative movement that has been such an important part of my career for the past two decades. I believe my broad business experience, communications skills and ability to build consensus will be an asset to the board. In addition, as CEO a major part of my responsibilities involves working with my own board of directors. This experience will enable me to be a thoughtful and focused member of the NCBA CLUSA Board. Finally, I believe there is a major opportunity for NCBA CLUSA to grow its exposure and influence in the area of purchasing cooperatives. I'm confident I can help drive this effort.

Thanks for your consideration.