

2019 ATLANTIC SUMMIT

Working together to achieve *Co-op Housing for All!*

THE WAY FORWARD – FACILITATED DISCUSSIONS



Growing our board for long term success

In this session, participants will discuss topics that are important to all boards large and small, new and old, thriving and struggling. How can we sustain our board engagement? What effective ways are there to recruit and retain our board members? Let's share experiences and take away ideas and best practices from across the region.



Prepare to scale up: Are we ready to grow?

In this session, participants will have the opportunity to review your co-op community's readiness to grow beyond its size or shape. We'll ask: What does growth look like for my co-op? How do I know if/when my co-op is ready to grow in scale? We'll reflect on, and discuss the different ways your co-op might begin to prepare for future opportunities.



The Co-operative model: Getting the word out!

In this session, participants will discuss tools and tips to help your co-op communicate to the larger/local community, the benefits and strengths of the co-op model. Together we'll learn more about "who we are" and how we can build and promote our co-op identity locally.



Growing our board for long term success

Most common challenges in sustaining board membership:

What strategies might help overcome these challenges?

Best Practices: Recruiting board members
(big and small co-ops):

Best Practices: Keeping board members:

Tools we need to support our board:

My action items for improving board engagement:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Prepare to scale up: Are we ready to grow?

My co-op community's readiness to grow: (circle # - 1 is low and 10 is high)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Say more about your co-op's level of readiness:

Current strengths that support growth:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How will we know if we are ready?

We will SEE:

We will THINK:

We will HAVE:

What are the barriers to growth in your co-op?
Environmental? Financial? Attitudinal?

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Action Items: How can our co-op best prepare for growth?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



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