

NEIGHBORING FOOD CO-OP ASSOCIATION



*13th
Annual
Meeting*

CO-OPERATION:
Our **FOUNDATION**

Supporting the Success of Small & Rural Food Co-ops

Sue Miller



Small & Rural Food Co-ops...

- Make a Difference!
- Crucial Community Resources
- Support Local Producers
- Strengthen Our Movement
- Face Unique Challenges
- **Can Work Together for Shared Success**



Leverett Village Food Co-op, Leverett, MA

CDF/RCDG Project Survey (2022)

- Small Rural Food Co-ops across New England & New York State
- General Managers & Board Presidents
- What are Unique Needs of Small Rural Food Co-ops?
- How Can NFCA Support Success?
- **What are Key Areas Where We Can Make a Difference?**



Fare Share Food Co-op, Norway, ME

NFCA Technical Assistance (2023)

Workshops in Identified Areas

- *Marketing*
- *Financial Oversight*
- *Strategic Planning*
- *Governance*

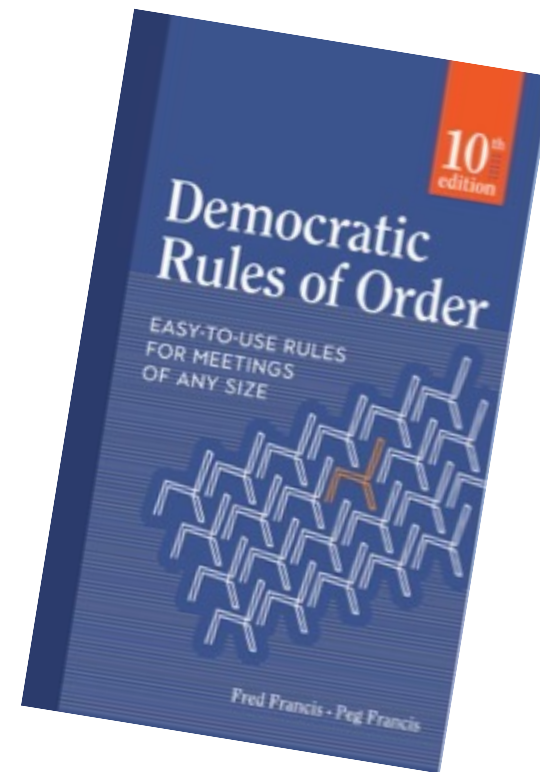
Online Portal

- *Recordings & Resources*

Governance Resource

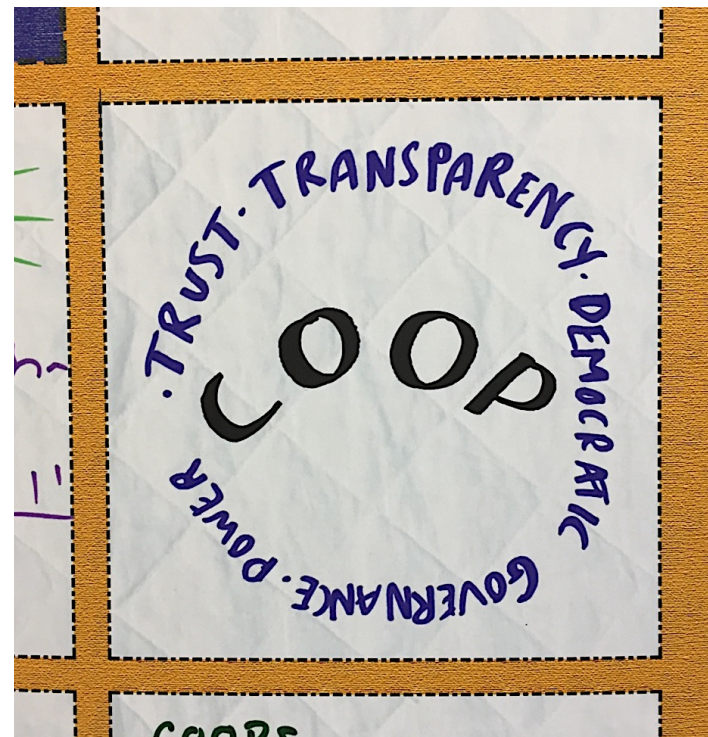
- *“Democratic Rules of Order”*

Site Visits



Priorities for 2024

- Quarterly Online Peer Group
- Focused Technical Assistance
- Small Co-op Resource Portal
- Understanding Your Needs
- Priorities for Support



Your Feedback & Ideas



Neighboring Food Co-op Association Peer Networking Gathering for Board Leaders.



Resources for Continued Support

Rural Food Co-ops Portal

- <https://members.nfca.coop/>

Recordings & Resources

- Co-operative Governance
- Strategic Planning
- Financial Reporting
- Marketing & Membership

Want More Information?

- <https://nfca.coop>
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Save the Date

March 15, 2025

The 14th



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