



Annual Meeting for all 412 Members-Owners Wednesday Oct 29, 2008 at 7:30 pm at LCN Bank 30 Park Place West

Board of Directors Election

The Bylaws require that we hold elections for Board members, as three board positions expire every year. We greatly appreciate the contributions from recent Board members: Marshal Burke, Rick Momeyer, Amy Pace and their continuing effort to help open the store. On the advice of our attorney, we are formalizing the vote on current board members by including them on this year's ballot. -One of our 3 nominees needed to withdraw at the last minute. Nominations will continue to be taken up until the vote at the annual meeting.

Current Board Members:

Mike Broida, Scott Downing, Beth Eacker, Charles Ganelin, Jim Reid, Bernadette Unger

Nominees:

Nancy Arthur is new to the College of Arts and Science at Miami University and to her role as Director of Communication. Until last summer Nancy was affiliated with the Western College Program. When she returned from Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Oxford to work for Western, the first check Nancy wrote was to MOON. She believes that MOON will greatly enrich the Oxford and Miami communities.

Gini Maddocks, BA, LMT, Oxford native, wellness consultant and author. Thanks to working at a fast food chicken restaurant in the 60's, I've been a whole food advocate for almost 40 years! While living in Maine, I managed The Natural Living Center which began as co-op as well as being open to the public. I am a self-care advocate, teaching holistic techniques to use in everyday life--what better alliance than MOON?

Vote on Amendment to the Co-op By Laws

MOON Bylaws, Sections 5.6, Board of Directors

Action: Remove "postage paid" from the Section.

Rationale: It is expensive for the COOP to mail ballots at the current \$.42 per envelope with an additional \$.42 per return envelope; the result is \$.84 X 400 (at the time of this writing), or \$336. These are funds that can be better used working toward the storefront.

Section 5.6 - Election of Directors: Election of directors shall be yearly. Three directors shall be elected each year with terms running three years. All additional vacancies will also be open for election. No more than two producer/vendors may be elected in any one year. In the event of ties, the out going Board must resolve ambiguities prior to its term dissolution. Voting shall be by mail ballot sent to each member 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Each member shall receive a ~~postage paid~~ ballot with a candidate slate, directions on number of candidates to vote for, and the time period for returning ballots. Voting ballots must be returned to the Secretary of the Co-op by the day before the annual meeting and the results will be announced at the annual meeting.

2008 BALLOT

Mail to MOON Co-Op PO Box 29, Oxford Ohio, 45056.

Ballots received after Oct 29 will not be counted.

OR

Vote in person at the annual meeting.

One vote per household.

I. Board of Directors --Nine members

Our attorney advised us to issue a written ballot even though the people below have been serving on the board. They were either elected by voice vote at previous annual meetings or appointment by the board to fill vacancies.

Place an X to vote . There are 9 board seats.

- Mike Broida,
- Scott Downing,
- Beth Eacker,
- Charles Ganelin,
- Jim Reid,
- Bernadette Unger

2008 Nominees to fill the three expired terms:

- Nancy Arthur.
- Gini Maddocks-

Write In nomination _____

2. Vote on Amendment to the Co-op By Laws , Sections 5.6, Board of Directors

- Yes on the amendment
- No on the amendment

Member Loan Campaign

\$164,500 has been pledged by 47 member-loaners. Several members have made donations instead of loans. Several households still need to be contacted and of course the new members. **Perhaps there has never been a better time to invest your money locally. Please consider a loan.**

Amount	Number of pledges	Amount	Number of pledges
\$1,000	23	\$5,000	11
\$2,000	6	\$6,000	1
\$2,500	1	\$10,000	1
\$3,000	2	\$25,000	2

Membership growth

In the past 6 months 70 member owners have joined. Currently we have 412 member-owners.

Site

We are excited about a site in Oxford and hope to be able to move forward with negotiations soon.

Are you getting our emails?

Sixty of our members have not provided email addresses and are not receiving our email updates and notices. If you have an email account and have not received a MOON email the past month, please email your address to RXP@mooncoop.com save the coop postage and get up to the minute news. We are prudent in the number of emails we send and are happy to snail mail to members without email.



Marilyn Scholl, a consultant Co-op Development Services, (Minneapolis) conducted a training workshop on “policy governance”. To avoid the potential problems of having a store run by a committee successful co-op use a “policy governance” process. This is a documented procedure by which the member-owners and the board communicate their expectations to the General Manager and clarify the process of how the GM will be accountable to the Board and Member-Owners. The training was attended by current and former Board Members.

Organization Manager Rebekah Powers (pictured above 2nd from the left in the second row) was hired as in April of 2008 to increase membership and visibility of MOON.

Harvest MOON Fest Uptown Oct 5

starts 2pm Supper 5:30 Square Dance starts at 630

organized by MOON/OEFFA details at www.mooncoop.com

MOON



MOON Co-op
Miami Oxford Organic Network
P.O. Box 29
Oxford, OH 45056
(513) 523-3990
www.mooncoop.com