

October 2017 Board Meeting Recap

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Annual Membership Meeting

The board looks forward to seeing you at the Annual Membership Meeting & Gathering, a member-only, free event on Oct. 22 at the Sequoia Conference Center. Please join us for the annual board meeting, board candidate meet & greet (James Kloor and Cheri Strong), local food and drinks, raffle prizes, and an open comment session.

Board Slate – Future Planning

The group shared their own officer rankings. The outcome is the following slate of officers:

- President – Colin Fiske
- Vice President – Robert Donovan
- Treasurer – James Kloor
- Secretary – Leah Stamper
- Nominating Committee – Mary Ella Anderson

An official vote for officers will take place at the November board meeting.

Earth Action Committee

The Earth Action Committee met to discuss the Arcata parking lot and had a visioning session for I Street. We're looking at ways for our parking lot to be more bike and pedestrian friendly, to decrease our reliance on automobile transportation, and to better utilize our current space. In addition, there was a great visioning session about I Street, and how to move the city to reshape it to be more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. Come to an Earth Action Committee to take part in this exciting work.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met and recommended to the board a 2% dividend payout for C-Share members (http://www.northcoast.coop/about_us/membership/investment_faqs/). Sales in August are looking up for both the Arcata and Eureka stores, and the finances of the Co-op are overall healthy.

The Co-op received a reimbursement from CalRecycle of \$22,000, and no longer has to pay roughly \$30,000 annually for the lack of a recycling center in Arcata. This was done in collaboration with other local businesses petitioning CalRecycle to grant an exemption for our rural area to the CRV redemption requirement.

Eureka Store Remodel

The ground breaking has been postponed until after the holidays, early next year. With the current timeline, construction would be breaking ground right as the holiday season was beginning, impacting members at a high-volume shopping time. It was decided to push back the groundbreaking until after the holiday season. We expect to have a grand opening in either April or May of 2018.