# **Important Dates for 2024 Board Candidates**

January 24 Board of Directors Meeting-

Candidates encouraged to attend!

**TBD** Candidate Information Session

February 7 Deadline for submitting Declaration

of Candidacy

February 12 List of Candidates Announced

Candidate statements and photos due

**February 21** Board of Directors Meeting; Candidates presented to

Board and membership

March 1 Election Mailing sent to all voting members

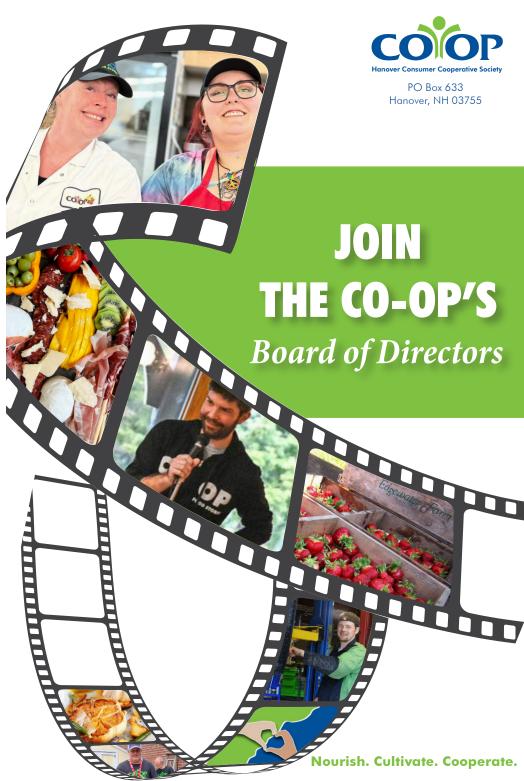
**April 1** Voting begins

April 2 Annual Member Meeting and Candidate Forum

**April 30** Voting closes at close of business

For more information, please visit www.coopfoodstore.coop/join-our-board





## Thank you for your interest in your Co-op's Board!

Our Board welcomes one and all. Diverse backgrounds and big ideas enrich our work. All we ask is that you attend monthly meetings, take the work seriously, and support these values:

- the well-being of our employees and their families,
- a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community,
- a resilient local food system and economy, and
- making a positive environmental impact.

## **About the Co-op**

We've been around since 1936. We're made up of 3 food stores, 2 auto service centers, a market, and a resource center. We have more than 20,000 members and 300 employees.

### **About the Board**

The Co-op Board monitors operations via Policy Governance.® This means the Board sets the vision, but it doesn't run the stores. In 2024, 12 members will serve on the Board, and 4 seats will be up for election.

To thank our Board members for serving, the Co-op provides a yearly stipend toward Co-op purchases.

#### **How to Run**

- Complete a Declaration of Candidacy by February 7, 2024
- Review a meeting packet and attend a Board meeting
- Talk to a Board member
- Engage with members in candidate forums
- Attend a Candidate Information Session
- Attend 2024 Annual Meeting



Enjoy reading this blog post from the 88th Board of Directors



#### **How to Serve**

- Join at least one Committee
- Be familiar with the Co-op's Bylaws and Governing Policies
- Prepare for and participate in Board and Committee meetings
- Attend Board training sessions, Board retreats, and Annual Meeting
- Learn to understand financial statements (training provided)

### **Next Steps**

To declare your candidacy, please visit our website at www.coopfoodstore.coop/join-our-board to find submission details. The declaration is due by close of business on February 7, 2024.

All candidates have the opportunity to submit candidate statements and photos to be included in election materials and online.