

CCNC NEWSLETTER

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Cooperative Council Annual Meeting

March 26, 2020 Virtual Business Meeting

With our current COVID-19 pandemic, the board cancelled the two-day event and we moved to a digital business meeting. We heard from our outgoing Chairman, Amanda Perry, of Riverstreet Networks as well as our incoming Chairman, Michael Spink of Local Government Federal Credit Union. We had annual reports from our committees and executive director. Our new website was announced and is live for our members!

Since the two day event was cancelled, we missed out hearing from our Key Speakers including Maurice Smith, CEO Local Government Federal Credit Union; Jay Rouse, Director of Government Affairs for NCEMC; Sara Wing, Marketing Director for Cabot Creamery Cooperative. We also missed guest speakers from Burlington Beer Works Cooperative, Deep Roots Market, College Hill Childcare Cooperative, NC Electric Membership Cooperatives, The Rural Center, LGFUC, Coastal Credit Union and NC Grange Mutual. We are looking forward gathering in person again next year and will have details out soon!

Virtual Cooperative Education for Members!

Virtual Cooperative Education and Networking!

Do you need a bit of continued Cooperative Education for staff or board members virtually? Do you want to connect with some other cooperatives virtually? Let us know! We are happy to host a zoom for Co-op 101, the 7 Cooperative Principles class or a virtual networking session with several cooperatives! Send over an email to Emily with your requests or visit our website to request a session!

We are here to help during the Covid-19 crisis! Drop us a line: emily.nail@ccnc.coop

Cooperative Dynamics Workshop! 2020 Fall date coming soon!

Cooperative Dynamics Workshop: What a great day!

This course serves as an orientation targeted at relatively new employees and board members of North Carolina's diverse family of cooperative businesses, but certainly applicable to employees and board members at any point in their career with a cooperative. **Would you like to host the 2020 Dynamics Course? Let us know!**

Topics Include:

National and Statewide Cooperative Landscape
7 Cooperative Principles,
Cooperative Business Model
Worker/Owner Cooperatives
Cooperative Governing Documents
Roles of the Board, Staff and Members
Cooperative Difference



Send us your updates to add to the newsletter and social media!

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Jim Graham Scholarship Awardee: Haley Sears

Haley Sears is a graduate of Dalton L. McMichael High School from Stoneville, North Carolina where she is a member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, SADD Club, and team captain of the Women's Varsity Swim Team. Haley also enjoys life guarding at the YMCA and local country club. In the fall, Haley will attend a four-year university (undecided as of yet) and double major in economics and business analytics to pursue a career in economic consulting.

Haley was sponsored to attend Cooperative Leadership Camp in 2019 by Local Government Federal Credit Union, based in Raleigh, NC. Check out our website for her video acceptance!



Cooperative Leadership Camp: 2020 Cancelled **FFA Center White Lake, NC**

Over the past month, CCNC has been monitoring the situation with the COVID-19 in respect to Cooperative Leadership Camp. With the North Carolina FFA announcement closing their facilities for the summer, we have followed and made the decision to cancel camp for 2020. This is as disappointing to us as it is you. We know the impact our Cooperative Leadership Camp has on students and we regret that we will not be able to provide that amazing opportunity this summer. This is the first time since 1962 that we have not had a summer camp; however, we know this is the most prudent course of action to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our members, students, staff, and families. We encourage you to share your past camper stories, experiences and photos through social media!

Cooperative Leadership Camp (CLC) will take place in 2021 at the FFA Center at White Lake, NC. We will have a bus that runs the state Monday to pick up teens to bring them to camp then back on Friday. CLC includes all the different sectors of cooperatives in our state with workshops so the teens can see what co-ops do, how they do it and why they are so special. The teens elect a board of directors, divide into working departments and design, produce and distribute tee-shirts in a teen lead worker/owner tee shirt cooperative. They learn the 7 cooperative principles, work through business challenges and work together to understand how a cooperative functions.

By the end of camp the teens host an annual meeting, share their department reports and the vote to dissolve their cooperative (since they are leaving camp). The teens get co-op challenges (real life business problems) that promote decision making based on their by-laws and the 7 cooperative principles that they have learned. All challenges are decided in a democratic manner with one vote per worker/owner in the tee shirt cooperative.

Applications for adults and teens for Camp 2021 will open December 2020 online at www.ccnc.coop