

Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 Members and guests gather
- 10:15 Annual Report
- 10:30 Presentation of Bylaws/Introduction of Candidates
- 11:00 Impact of the Co-op on the Lake County Food system
- 11:15 Potluck Brunch & Special Acknowledgements
- 12:00 Election Results & Adjourn

Acknowledgements

- 11:45 Deadline for Voting
- 12:00 Election Results Announced

Remember to Vote on or before SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011. Visit our website www.lakeco-op.org under membership to read more about the Bylaws proposed for adoption and meet the Candidates. A full set of bylaws are posted on our website.

Voters Will Be Selecting a new seven member Board of Directors. Write-in candidates may be elected. We will do our best to keep members informed as write-in candidates are announced. Members will also vote for or against adopting the proposed set of bylaws. Individuals may vote if they are included in the membership information at the time membership was established. **If you are not listed as a member, you cannot vote as a proxy on someone's behalf; proxy votes are not allowed in California cooperative corporation elections.**

You May Vote if you are a member in good standing on Saturday September 10, 2011. A member in good standing must have paid membership dues in the amount \$24.00 in the past 12 months or consistently paid the adjusted \$2.00 per month membership fee.

Ballots are made available to members by email and if needed by mail. Members should determine if they are in good standing by calling: 707.993.4270 or emailing: j9smith2@mchsi.com.

Copies of the bylaws, ballot and voters pamphlet will be posted on the website and available at drop sites.

Ballots Must Be Returned

- by mail no later than September 16
- delivered to Clearlake distribution point on Thursday between 5-7pm, September 15
- or at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 17.

To be valid, a ballot must be in a sealed envelope, and signed on the outside of the envelope. Election volunteers will check ballots to verify a member is in good standing.

Four members have declared candidacy for the Board (as of August 28). Write-in candidates may establish candidacy between now and September 17. You may vote for up to seven candidates or fewer if you choose. You may not vote more than once for the same person. We cannot accept more than two ballots from one member. However, you can change your vote by submitting a new ballot in a sealed envelope. Write the date on the front of your envelope and indicated in writing that the enclosed ballot supersedes the previous vote.

Running for the Board


Anyone who is in good standing for as of September 10 is eligible to run. If you would like to run for a position contact any of the current board members: Russ Rubin, Allen Markowski, David Goolsbee or Janine Smith Citron.

Eligible members are encouraged to declare themselves as write-in candidates up to the last day of the election. Your name and candidates statement will be posted on-line after you file your declaration. **Call 413-9028 or email j9smith2@mchsi.com to file a declaration to run.**

Ballot Counting and Results

Ballots will be counted during the Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 17. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting and posted on our website.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuscan Village, Lower Lake
Saturday, September 17,
10 am - 12 noon

*Make your voice heard in
the organization you belong to
and soon will be part owner
of by participating in the first
Co-op Annual Meeting
and Election.*

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VOTE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

Adoption of the Bylaws, background

This summary is intended to be an overview of the proposed LCCC By-laws that directly effect our member/owners but not a thorough discussion of the whole document. Please go to lakeco-op.org to review the complete and latest version being recommended by the Steering Committee. Once adopted this will be the formal document that the Co-op will use to govern it's operations. Alterations can only be made by formal amendment at a called meeting of the membership with very specific procedures set in the By-laws.

One of the fundamental principles of cooperatives is one member (individual, household, organization) one vote. As a member you are entitled to access to the products and services made available through the Co-op. You also, as a member/owner, have the right to participate in the decision making and governance of the Co-op. To remain in good standing as a member/owner, you have certain responsibilities. These include patronizing the Co-op, purchase of a minimum amount of capital investment shares in the Co-op annually, and contribution of labor or its equivalent in support of the ongoing efforts of the Co-op. The newly elected Board of Directors will be adopting policies soon further defining these issues and invite & welcome member input into their development. It is important to understand the concept that as a member you are also an owner of the business. See (Article II – Ownership) for the complete text regarding membership.

Purchase of shares is further elaborated in Article VII. A member/owner is considered fully vested upon purchase of \$300 worth of shares and no further investment is required or allowed unless the law governing this amount is changed in the future. California cooperative corporation law has set this amount as the maximum that can be invested without triggering securities laws. The Board can set a minimum that must be purchased annually and can extend the purchase out over a number of years. As an example, one possible policy might be: Shares valued at \$10 each with a minimum annual purchase required set at \$40. It would take 7 ½ years to become fully vested at \$300 using these assumptions. These shares could be purchased quarterly or may also be purchased in one lump sum. Funds raised from the purchase of shares are understood to be specifically set aside for capital purchases like equipment or a store building, etc. and are not to be used for daily operations. As an investment, these shares are redeemable upon dissolution of the Co-op but do not accumulate interest or dividend.

The labor requirement has up to now been voluntary and an assumed obligation. Typically there are a few people that invest a lot of time and some that do not participate at all. The very nature of cooperatives is that we collectively work together for our mutual benefit and as a member/owner it is necessary to be involved in the operation of the business for it to be successful. The proposed By-laws formalize this requirement so that all member/owners must make a minimal labor contribution with the understanding that there are circumstances where this may not be possible for some. In this case, the Board can set a policy to allow member/owners to provide an equivalent contribution or in the case of extreme hardship, this requirement may be waived altogether. This contribution can be met by participating in the operations of the Buying Club and FOODS, the Friday Night Farmers Market, the Community Garden projects, the Lake County Community Co-op presents education programs, or any of the other jobs necessary to help develop our low-cost, local, organic, and sustainable community food system.

The Co-ops continued success is dependent on your participation in all of these ways and it is our hope that you take advantage of this opportunity to grow our community and support each other to make it thrive. We are so much more when we truly work together.

In Cooperation, the LCCC Board of Directors

BALLOT

September, 2011



BYLAWS ADOPTION:

You may vote either Yes or No, or decline to vote. If a 10% quorum is achieved, a majority of those voting will constitute approval or disapproval.

Shall the Bylaws be adopted as presented? (mark one)

YES

NO

BOARD CANDIDATES (choose up to 7):

David Goolsbee

Sissa Harris

Terre Logston

Janine Smith-Citron

Candidate ballot order was determined by a random drawing. The names of write-in candidates may be posted at the Clearlake Distribution site and on our website: www.lakeco-op.org

Ballots may be mailed to: PO Box 6306, Clearlake, CA 95422

Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 17
Tuscan Village, Lower Lake

MEET THE CANDIDATES...

David Goolsbee

I am a founding Co-op member, current board member, and Community Garden committee representative. Designer and builder of handcrafted passive solar "green" homes. East Lake Grange board president. Passionate about collectively developing our local organic food & renewable energy systems, creating a sustainable community economy, and protecting our mother earth.

Sissa Harris

I recently retired from student services at Yuba College, but continue to teach part time at Yuba and Mendocino Colleges (Sociology, Human Services, Work Experience).

• Prior to Yuba College I worked in public social services and for three private non-profit [501(c)3] organizations (NCO, AWARE, Lake County Arts Council). • At AWARE and the Lake County Arts Council part of my duties involved grant writing and fiscal accountability. I was also responsible for writing policy and procedures manuals for the programs that I coordinated. I also assisted with program development in my student services job at Yuba College. • I have served on the following community boards: Lake County Department of Social Services Advisory Board, Lake County Children's Council, Cal-Works Oversight Committee; Lake County School Attendance Review Board, Lower Lake Elementary and Oak Hill Middle School Site Councils; PRIDE (non-profit arts organization); Anderson Springs Community Service District Board of Directors. • I hold a BA in Sociology from CSU Chico and a MA in Psychology from Sonoma State University. • I am interested in the continuing success of LCCC. Should I be elected to serve on the LCCC Board, I offer energy and enthusiasm, along with expertise in non-profit organizations.

Janine Smith Citron

I have been a co-op member since 2008 and a board member since the fall of 2010. I became involved with the co-op so that I might be involved with and learn more about creating a more sustainable food system in our community. My previous employment and volunteer experience includes community relations, organizational development, and customer service. If elected, I would continue putting these experiences and skills to good use while co-creating the Co-op infrastructure. I am committed to working closely with owner/members in working towards the Co-op becoming a profitable business supporting local growers in providing fresh local produce to community members.

Terre Logsdon

Raised in the Mid-West, Ohio, and Alabama, with adult sojourns to Texas and landing home in California, Terre has always been connected to agriculture, gardens, and the daily need to eat wholesome nutritious food, whether in a rural or urban setting.

After working at the Central YMCA in San Francisco in the early 1990s, Terre assisted a volunteer in setting up a roof top garden on a nine-story building and became intrigued by the notion of urban agriculture. While working for the YMCA of the East Bay, Terre had the opportunity to help create her job description of Sustainable Community Development Director, where she connected an urban, organic, food advocacy organization, The People's Grocery, to the M. Robinson Baker YMCA by offering them free office space and facilitating a garden both at the YMCA and the elementary school across the street in West Oakland.

In addition to a Masters of Arts in Managerial Leadership from John F. Kennedy School of Management, a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a specialization in Science and Values from John F. Kennedy University, she has earned an Agroecology Design Certificate from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a certified Master Composter through Alameda County Waste Management.

In Lake County, Terre has been employed by Lake County News (www.lakeconews.com), the Lake County Record-Bee, the University of California Cooperative Extension and the County of Lake in the Marketing and Economic Development Department and overseeing the Agritourism Development and Farm Products Promotion program, where she brought a resolution to the Board of Supervisors to form the Lake County Local Food Roundtable, which seeks to ensure food security for the community of Lake County.

She is happily a resident of beautiful Lake County, CA, and lives in Upper Lake on a certified organic walnut orchard with gardens and free-ranging chickens (and too many deer). Terre enjoys gardening (but not the deer eating everything), hiking, local food and wine, kayaking, natural building, Clear Lake, and helping promote recreational opportunities in Lake County through a Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/LakeCoRecreation and hopes more organic farmers grow things she like to eat.

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