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I’m a founding member and administrator of the International Women’s Catering Co-op (IWCC), a worker co-op offering international cuisine. IWCC’s diverse membership came together through a training program funded by both the federal and provincial departments responsible for women and immigration. The project was coordinated by the South Island Women for Economic Survival and was hosted by the Intercultural Association of Victoria. I was the co-op developer during the final phase of the project and facilitated the establishment of the worker co-op. The co-op was incorporated in June, 1999 and operates as a seasonal, part time business – 90% of the co-op’s revenue is generated in the farmer’s market season (May-October).

I am also involved in projects focused on food security, serving as board chair of the Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable Society (CR-FAIR), a non-profit focused on food and agriculture issues in our region. I also serve on the board of Life Cycles Project Society which works to educate people about growing and processing food in the urban setting.

I served on the CWCF board a few years ago and had to step down because of developing health issues. Those problems are now under control and I feel that I will be able to fully participate in the work of the board.

**CWCF Board Diversity Grid:**

**Targets**

How Lee fits

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|  | **Region** | **Gender** | **Coop Developer** | **“Cultural Community”** and/orImmigrant/ Refugee &/or Aboriginal | **Languages Spoken**(FMT = French Mother Tongue) | **Enterprise Sector** (including white / blue / green collar, administrative, etc.)Catering business – small scale | **Youth** | **Rural/Urban** |
| **TARGET:** | 5 Regions **required**: Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies & BC | 3-4 Split PreferredFemale | Maximum 3PreferredCommunitylevel developer | Minimum 2 PreferredMost membersof co-op areimmigrants  | Minimum 1 FMT, with 3 others fluent in FrenchpreferredEnglish only | Minimum: 5 represented, with various different types of workers represented. Maximum of 2 from regional federations preferred | Minimum 2 of 30 years old & under preferredLee’s 68 years young | Minimum of 2 rural preferredUrban |