

CWCF Board 2016: CWCF Elects New President, expresses its appreciation to outgoing directors

Following its 25th anniversary AGM/Conference in Vancouver, BC, on November 7th, the Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation (CWCF) elected a new President, Reba Plummer. Reba, who has been CWCF's Ontario Director since 2010, is Co-Executive Director of Urbane Cyclist Worker Co-op in Toronto. She completed the Co-op Management Certificate through On Co-op at the Schulich School of Business in 2010, and is currently working not only at Urbane but also as the Greater Toronto Area Regional Manager at OnCo-op.

The other Board Executive members elected are: Vice President Eric Tusz-King of Aster Environmental Services Co-operative in Sackville, NB, and Treasurer Lee Fuge of the International Women's Catering Co-op of Victoria, BC. Acclaimed to the Board were Yuill Herbert of Sustainability Solutions Group in Tatamagouche, NS (incumbent), and new Board member Tommy Allen of Urban Eatin Landscapes Co-op in Winnipeg. An additional continuing Board member is Jessica Provencher, of the Réseau de la coopération du travail du Québec.

CWCF expresses its appreciation to outgoing President Alain Bridault and outgoing Prairies/NWT/NU Director Jamie Campbell. Alain, the first CWCF President from Quebec who served as a Director since 2008 and President since 2009, has provided visionary leadership to CWCF and was instrumental in bringing the three Quebec worker co-op federations into CWCF membership. Feeling that he has accomplished what he wished to at CWCF, he decided to leave the Board one year before the end of his term. Alain will continue to represent CWCF on the Executive Committee of the international sectoral co-op organization CICOPA and on a few other organizations and committees.

Jamie Campbell of ParIT Worker Co-op served on the Board of CWCF for the past 6 years. He represented CWCF on the Board, including as President, of the Data Commons Co-op, a North America-wide co-op which assembles data on solidarity economy organizations. He participated on the Manitoba Co-op Strategy Committee. He's been very active in the worker co-op sector in Manitoba, helping to keep the many Manitoba worker co-ops connected to each other and CWCF.