

2016 Developers' Caucus meeting
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At the Developers' Caucus meeting, facilitated by Peter Hough, there was a round-table discussion in which participants presented projects they were working on. Many different projects were mentioned, and participants seemed to really enjoy this exchange.

Participants also discussed a variety of topics which could be of interest as CoopZone tele-learning sessions, including:

- Founders' shares in co-ops in BC
- Co-op replications, with the back end centralized
- Market-driven disability support service co-ops: e.g., in Ottawa; can also look at replications in this context
- How co-ops need to be adapted in working with marginalized people
- Kathy Bardswick's question on the role of capital in relation to the co-op principles; have someone read the second ICA paper & present it

Denyse Guy reported on CMC's work in government relations to seek co-op development supports. This includes both advocating for the high-level CMC policy document, *Solving Challenges Together*, available here: http://canada.coop/sites/canada.coop/files/files/documents/en/cmc-policy_book-2016-07-en_lowres.pdf and supporting the private member's bill C-286, tabled by MP Alexandra Mendès, to facilitate a co-op development framework for Canada.

In terms of participation by CoopZone at the Conference: there were 12 CoopZone members who attended some or all of the Conference, not quite this many people were at the Developers' caucus meeting as some participated in their region's caucus instead. There were also 2 CoopZone Legal Network members who attended the Conference to give a workshop (Mary Childs and Celia Chandler) on Legal Issues in Worker Co-ops. Several developers provided free consulting time and/or led other workshops.