



CWCF Members

I was elected as a director-at-large for CWCF in November 2021. I see the current landscape as a unique opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to Canada's worker co-op movement, leveraging my own experience and skills to align with the growing interest in workplace democratization, alternative business and trade, and new social economy models.

Over the past two years, I have had the privilege of being involved in the strategic initiatives led by CWCF staff and Board. They are dedicated to supporting the development and sustainability of the worker cooperative sector, as well as providing innovative cooperative business solutions, capital and tools for communities and groups that have been historically underserved, equity denied, and marginalized within the traditional capitalist system. It has been an incredibly exciting time to be on this Board as CWCF (and our worker cooperative sector) presses forward on issues of climate justice and social inclusion.

As a worker-owner and the Executive Director of La Siembra Cooperative, I have actively participated in the growth and governance of various national and international co-operative and fair-trade organizations, including serving on the boards of the Ontario Co-operative Association, Your Credit Union, Fairtrade Canada, and Equal Exchange. Currently I serve as CWCF's delegate to the CCIF Board and continue to serve the boards of Green Campus Cooperative and Equal Exchange Workers Cooperative.

It would be a privilege to continue to serve the CWCF Board and membership for another term.

In cooperation
Kelly Storie



Kelly Storie, Treasurer, At-Large Director (from Ontario Region)

Kelly has been a part of the cooperative and solidarity community for over 25 years and is the Executive Director of La Siembra Co-operative (Camino), a fair trade mission-driven workers cooperative dedicated to small-farmer livelihoods and economic democracy. In her career, Kelly has supported the growth and governance of several national and international co-operative and fair trade organizations including serving on the board of the Ontario Co-operative Association, Your Credit Union, La Siembra, Fairtrade Canada and one the largest worker co-ops in the United States, Equal Exchange.

Kelly believes that the worker co-op model has been key to keeping La Siembra and the Camino brand connected to their fair trade mission and independent for over 20 years. The worker owners care deeply about the business, its reputation, its service and the quality of the products. The democratic governance and control of the co-op will pass from member to member, rather than fall into the hands of private equity. Giving workers more power, control and accountability over their work is meaningful and dignified. This is a real strength of the model.

Kelly Storie was acclaimed as a director-at-large for CWCF at its AGM in November, 2021.