CWCF Members

I was first elected to the CWCF Board as a director-at-large in November 2021. I am seeking re-election because this is a pivotal moment for Canada's worker co-operative movement with a new generation of leaders at the helm. Interest in workplace democracy, alternative business and trade models, and the social economy is growing, and CWCF is positioned to turn that interest into lasting co-operative enterprises.

On the Board, I have worked with staff and fellow directors to strengthen the development and sustainability of the worker co-operative sector. That work extends co-operative solutions, capital and tools to communities that the conventional economy has historically underserved, denied equity and marginalized. As Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee, I helped support the Federation through its recent leadership transition and succession plan, keeping CWCF strong and focused on its core mission. I am committed to advancing the sector's work on climate justice and social inclusion.

As a worker-owner and the Executive Director of La Siembra Inc., I have spent more than seventeen years building co-operative and fair trade models in Canada and beyond. I recently led La Siembra's merger with Equal Exchange, a major milestone for Canada's co-operative sector. Together, we formed a global worker co-operative whose member-owners work and govern together across three countries, within democratically controlled value chains.

I currently serve as CWCF's delegate to the CCIF Board and sit on the boards of Green Campus Co-operative and Equal Exchange Worker Cooperative. Past board service includes the Ontario Co-operative Association, Your Credit Union, Fairtrade Canada and La Siembra.

I would be honoured to continue this work on behalf of our members.

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.