

Martin Van Den Borre

Candidate, Québec

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I have known CWCF since 2000, when I first participated in a CWCF meeting at Carleton university, when I was working as a young developer in the CDR network in Quebec.

Over the decades I have had the chance to experience membership in CWCF, via my involvement in La Siembra co-op.

For me, CWCF is one of the only national organizations that truly has done the work of bridging people across cultures and sectors. It would be an honor for me to serve on the Board of Directors of the federation and contribute to a more inclusive and equitable society through the development of worker co-operatives and workplace democracy across Canada.

ABOUT MARTIN VAN DEN BORRE

Trained in tropical and subtropical agriculture, international development and business, Martin entered the world of the social economy in the early 90's, working on community agroforestry systems with marginalized small farmers in a post-civil war context of El Salvador.

He served for a dozen years as a cooperative developer in Quebec's CDR network and for 20 years with different worker and farmer owned alternative trade organizations such as La Siembra and Equal Exchange. More recently he served as Executive Director of C.I.T.I.E.S. a knowledge and innovation transfer center on the social economy.

He is currently involved within the Fab City and Fibershed movements and with his community in Ripon, Québec, to set up a collective food, material, and cultural hub with a focus on human and biological diversity. Martin works as an agricultural developer for the MRC Papineau and serves on the international committee of the federation for a manufacturing renaissance.

