

## FOR CO-OPERATIVE BOARDS

### Overview

Board training is an integral component of the Ontario Co-operative Association's education programming, reflecting our dedication to Co-operative Principle #5: Education, Training, and Information. This workshop equips directors of co-operatives with essential knowledge of the legal obligations, fiduciary duties and an understanding of the various roles and responsibilities within a co-operative. The workshop is interactive and educational.

### WHY THIS SESSION IS IMPORTANT FOR CO-OPERATIVES

This session is designed to give co-operative boards the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively oversee the organization's operations and strategic direction. Board training is fundamental in empowering board members to fulfill their roles effectively; promoting sound governance practices, driving sustainable growth and ensuring long-term success.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"OCA's board training is essential for new and existing board members. It covers a lot of ground and really gives a good overview of what it means to be a director of a co-op and their rules and responsibilities. Having our entire board on the same page and starting from the same point in their knowledge for co-operative governance was really helpful to make us a strong board of directors" - **Anonymous feedback from a session participant.**

**Book a session**  [support@ontario.coop](mailto:support@ontario.coop)

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Please include in your email your objectives for the session, preferred dates/times for the session, if you would like us to present virtually or in-person (include your location) and how many participants you will be expecting.

### SESSION INFORMATION

Duration: 3-4 hours

Location: In-Person or Virtual

Cost: \$1,500/\$500 Virtual + HST

Travel: .70/km

This session includes a digital copy of the Board Training Guide (\$100) for each director.

### Session Topics

- All about co-operatives
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Legal Obligations of the Board
- Financial Responsibilities of the Board
- HR Responsibilities of the Board
- Board of Directors Meetings
- Role and of the Board in strategic Planning
- Evaluating the Co-op
- Areas of action to improve board function