Co-op Directors Forum

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE DIRECTOR?

Cooperative Network and the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives have formatted the spring 2017 Co-op Directors Forum based on director input! This education forum will focus on risk management, legal issues and governance responsibilities. An optional pre-session: "Cooperative Directors 101," will be offered at no additional cost. New and veteran directors from co-ops of all types and sectors are encouraged to attend this interactive forum.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Cooperative Directors 101

Cooperative Directors 101 is for new directors, or those who would like a refresher on cooperative board responsibilities. This training will provide a basic overview of cooperative board structure, director roles and best practices. This pre-session is optional to those attending the spring 2017 Co-op Directors Forum.

Anne Reynolds, Executive Director, UW Center for Cooperatives

9:30 a.m. **Registration**

9:45 a.m. **Legal Update**

The board of directors is the strategic decision-making arm of your cooperative. In this session, legal counsel will present attendees with real-life legal situations and lead group discussion on decision-making.

Michael L. Weaver, Partner, Dorsey Whitney LLP (Minneapolis, Minn.)

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11 a.m. **Cybersecurity**

Cybersecurity threats and business repercussions continue to be a risk that directors of all cooperatives must acknowledge. Hear real-world examples of how businesses have been compromised by cyber-attacks and what your cooperative can do to protect itself.

Mark A. Eich, Principal, Information Security, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Lisa Bauer, Director of Information Technology, Foremost Farms USA (*Baraboo*, *Wis.*)

12:30 p.m. **Lunch** (included with registration)

1:30 p.m. **CEO Recruitment, Hiring and Evaluation**

The board of directors' most important decisions – which often determine the success of the cooperative – are the activities of recruiting, hiring and evaluating their cooperative's CEO. This session will focus on the key elements that make up successful CEO recruitment, hiring and evaluation processes.

Gary Tomter, Market Development/Placement Manager,

CHS Aligned Solutions (Lodi, Wis.)

3 p.m. **Q&A and Adjourn**

REGISTRATION

By After March 17 March 17 \$125 \$150

Register online at:

All Attendees

regonline.com/coopdirectorsforum2017

LOCATION

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