NECC Programs Educate and Inform

In a global economy with increasing market volatility, consolidation, competition, expanding costs and ever changing public policies and regulations, cooperatives are challenged in meeting needs for education, information, and leadership development. The Council targets issues of concern through a board of directors composed of representatives of its member cooperatives. Through NECC, members can leverage their own resources by working together to address common issues.

- The Annual Cooperative Leaders Forum is held in conjunction with the CoBank, ACB Northeast Customer Meeting. The event includes topical themes in governance, finance, marketing, and regulations.
- The biennial Future Cooperative Leaders Conference builds leadership skills of young members who will become the board members of tomorrow’s cooperatives.
- The Cooperative Internship Recognition Award (CIRA) seeks to recognize students enrolled in a Northeastern university who successfully intern with Council members.

Collaborations are Critical

- NECC partners with Cornell University, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cooperative Extension, and the Land Grant System.
- NECC collaborates with the Cooperative Development Institute through the NECC Cooperative Education, Research and Outreach Project.
- NECC is affiliated with the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (NCFC) and the National Conference of State Cooperative Councils.

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“For many years I have been involved with the NECC. The focus of the Council is on cooperative education, under expert guidance from Cornell University. Since cooperative boards are continually regenerated with new members and directors interface with audiences that have no idea why co-ops exist, this task is never done. The Council provides us with a vital forum in which we learn from one another.”

- Brent Roggie, CEO & General Manager
National Grape Cooperative Association, Inc.

“Upstate Niagara Cooperative has long benefitted from membership in NECC. Doing business is easier using the invaluable networking opportunities with cooperatives and lenders. NECC has been a most valuable resource for Director training and development of future leaders.”

- Dan Wolf, President

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