

**Bloomington Cooperative Services
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 29, 2017
3220 E 3rd St, Bloomington, Indiana**

Board Members in attendance: Caroline Beebe, Bobbi Boos, Dee Bohler, Janice Lilly, Spyridon Stratigos, Maggie Sullivan, Gracia Valliant
Absent Board Members: Natascha Jacobs, Tom Gallagher
BCS staff in attendance: Tony Alongi
Owner-members in attendance: Sarah Ryterband, Ryan T. Conway, Angela Babb
Guests: Jorge Compana Perez, Olivia Raseen

Preliminaries

- a. Welcome and Introductions
- b. Ends read by Spyridon Stratigos
- c. Review Board Calendar: Calendar is online
- d. Announcements
 - i. Beebe and Sullivan meet with Tony twice monthly. Other Directors are invited to join them.
 - ii. Thanks to Maggie for CCMA report
 - iii. Monitoring is off schedule. Sullivan and Beebe will finish protocol
 - iv. Board to hand out birthday cake in stores Sunday, July 23rd.
 - v. Owner news authors: Sullivan – July, Boos – August
 - vi. Lilly working on Owners right to be heard.

Consent Agenda Boos moves to accept, seconded by Stratigos. Motion Passes.

- a. Minutes of 170529 meeting
- b. Agenda for current meeting
- c. B7 Communication monthly report
- d. Ownership Cancellation Request Memo
- e. Protocol: Board Expenses-v2

Owner-Member Comments: Sarah Ryterband thanked Alongi and the board for the quarterly financial forums

GM Monitoring

Tabled: Protocol for Member Access to Confidential Information

B7: Communication Report

- a. B7 Alongi reported that Bloomingfoods will continue to supply IU with 4 salads twice a week. IU is opening a new food court in Goodbody Hall. Bloomingfoods is not getting the draw and marketing as expected.
- b. Alongi received a call from David Thompson from Twin Pines Cooperative. He noticed our Positive Change program and offered Bloomingfoods a \$500 match from Frontier Coop if we add \$500 to the endowment fund which is largely cooperative housing).
Lilly will work on process for this. Look at what Hanover did and will meet with Alongi on talking with David Thompson.

No noticeable sales impact on the Co-op from the Gardening Center; but board has received positive feedback from owner-members about its' presence.

c. Discussion re: Business Plan

Valliant moves to approve the report as in compliance. Seconded by Sullivan.

Motion passes.

B6: Self –Monitoring

- a. Some compliance issues regarding visioning outward.
- b. Distinguishing between General Manager and Board
 - i. questions about how to deal with comments/questions that come up during tabling regarding operations and policy. Should all operations questions be referred to GM or should the director answer and refer to GM?

Action: Valliant will compile a summary of comments and questions for Alongi and the board.

Committee Reports

- a. Owner-Member Connections Committee:
Tabling is going well.
- b. Perpetuation:
Sullivan reported there are 8 candidates. Each accepted by the committee.
There will be some meet the candidate events in each store.
- c. Ad hoc: Product Policy
Product Policy Survey was reviewed and sent back to the committee for revision. Report back in July.
- d. Revisit student membership proposal.

Education

- a. Alongi agrees that directors could become more involved in education efforts.
- b. The board should strive for monthly blog posts or sponsor an owner to write one.
Potential topics:
Why is local so expensive
Understanding financial margins
Who owns whom? The company/product chart
Vote with your dollars
Participatory vs. representative democracy
Category information (such as Driscolls, fair trade bananas)
- c. Lilly facilitated a discussion on the Commons readings.

Closing: Motion to adjourn passes unanimously.