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MONTANA COUNCIL OF COOPERATIVES
2019 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Delta Hotels Helena Colonial, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT 59601

Monday, January 14, 2019

12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	**Registration** –Delta Hotels Helena Colonial, Helena, MT
1:00 p.m.	**Welcome & Introductions** – Clarence "Fritz" Keller, President
	Montana Co-ops 101 Video Series – Principle 4 Premiere Guy Gregory, MCDC Communications Specialist
1:35– 2:15 p.m.	**Co-op Marketing/Communications Update** Ryan Hall, MECA Communications Director
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	**New Cooperative Initiatives in Montana** Janice Brown, MCDC Executive Director
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	**Refreshment Break**
3:15 – 4:30 p.m.	**Parade of Newly Formed Cooperatives** Moderated by Marilyn Besich, MCDC Program Director
	The Original Montana Club – A Cooperative Conversion - Emily Dean, Board President
	Riverside Crossing Adult Cottage Cooperative - Paul Travitz, ED, Ravalli County Council on Aging
	Bitterroot Hemp Cooperative - Julie Foster, ED, Ravalli County EDA
	Musselshell Rural Investment Cooperative - Wendy Beye, Board Secretary
	Rural Grocery Store Network for Co-op Managers - Marilyn Besich, MCDC Program Director
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	**Support one of Montana's youngest cooperatives!** **No Host Cocktail Hour & Appetizers** at **The Original Montana Club** **24 6th Avenue, 2nd Floor (Use complimentary shuttle)** ***Sponsored by CHS, Inc.*** *Dinner on Your Own*

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast** – Natatorium room

8:15 – 9:45 a.m. **Welcome –** Clarence "Fritz' Keller, MCOC President

Industry Updates for Montana's Cooperatives (by Sector)
Moderated by Dave Kelsey, MCOC Secretary/Treasurer

- ***Electric Cooperatives*** – Gary Wiens, MECA Asst. General Manager
- ***Credit Unions*** – Karen Smith, MCU VP Advocacy
- ***Telecommunications*** – Geoff Feiss; MTA General Manager
- ***Farm Supply/Fuel*** – Cory Vorderbruggen, Farmers Union Oil Company CEO/General Manager

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Cooperatives' Role in Job Creation and Economic Development**

- ***The Economic Impact of Montana's Cooperatives – 2017 Study***
  - Janice Brown, MCDC Executive Director
- ***Funding for Montana's 2019 Economic Development Programs***
  - Marty Tuttle, Acting Director, MT Dept. of Commerce
  - Kim Mangold, Deputy Director, MT Dept. of Agriculture

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. **Montana Budget Analysis –** Tom Livers, Governor's Budget Director

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch with Our Legislative Leadership** *(invited)* **– Natatorium Room**

- **Greg Hertz -** *Speaker of the House*
- **Casey Schreiner -** *House Minority Leader*
- **Scott Sales -** *Senate President*
- **Jon Sesso -** *Senate Minority Leader*

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Highlights from the 2018 *Montana Cooperative Impact Weeks***
A program funded by the CHS Foundation – Janice Brown, MCDC

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Montana Council of Cooperatives Annual Business Meeting**

- Call to order — Clarence Keller, President
- Notice of Annual Meeting & Quorum Report — Dave Kelsey, Sec/Treasurer
- 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes — Dave Kelsey, Sec/Treasurer
- Financial Report — Dave Kelsey, Sec/Treasurer
- Management Report — Janice Brown, MCDC
- Bylaws Revisions — Ben Boreson, Vice-President
- New Business
  - Election of Directors
  - Time and Place of 2020 Annual Meeting
  - Door Prize Drawing
- Adjourn

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **MCOC Board Reorganization and Regular Business Meeting**

5:00 – 10:00 p.m. **Legislative Dinner Honoring the 2019 Montana State Legislators**
Delta Hotel Ball Room – Cocktails at 5:00; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda subject to change