



Co-ops Commit
MONTANA COUNCIL OF COOPERATIVES
2020 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Holiday Inn, 1100 5th Street South, Great Falls

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Registration - Great Falls, MT

1:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions – Ben Boreson, President

- **Addresses from Congressional Delegations**

1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

“MCDC and MCOC Working Together” - Tracy McIntyre, MCOC Administrator and MCDC Executive Director

Tracy will review the upcoming 2020 work of MCDC and MCOC as two separate but complimentary organization working together to promote, create, and sustain the cooperative economy across Montana. This brief presentation will also include the release of the Principle 6 Video on Cooperation amongst Cooperatives.

1:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Tara Rice- Department of Commerce Director

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

It’s about Education- Marilyn Besich, MCDC Program Director

MCDC is releasing a new OPI approved online curriculum for high schools to utilize across Montana. Marilyn will give an overview of this new education program, efforts of MCDC to work with our MCOC members to promote and educate the impact of cooperatives and the importance of cooperatives in Montana. This include an introduction to high school students how cooperatives are managed and part of the community. Marilyn will also highlight her College Road Tour and work being done with the Montana Small Business Development Center.

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Refreshment Break

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Tour of our MCOC Co-op Members- Innovation and Partnership Amongst Cooperatives- Moderator Eric Bergman

- Jory Baldrige, Totem Immuno Therapies Cooperative
- Laura Marshall, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
- Tom Dedman, Southwest Montana Community FCU

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

No-Host Cocktail Hour – Sponsored by CHS, Inc.

- Trivia on 60 years of MCOC
Chance to win your annual MCOC membership!

6:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner – Sponsored by:

- Guest Speaker Taylor Brown- Telling the Cooperative Story in Montana

Thursday, January 16, 2020

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast

7:45 a.m.

Welcome – Ben Boreson, President

- **Intro Northern Broadcasting Team** streaming live

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Hearing from our Co-op State Partners – Moderator David Kelsey

- Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association – Gary Wiens, General Manager
- Montana's Credit Unions – Tracie Kenyon, President/CEO
- NW Farm Credit Services – Heidi Borlaug, Senior Vice President
- Montana Council of Cooperatives- Tracy McIntyre, Administrator

8:45 – 10:00 a.m.

News from our State Partners – Moderator Beth Satre

Hear from our State Partners on emerging funding sources, workforce programs and training, and upcoming projects.

- Montana SBA Economic Development Specialist, Sharon Franjevic
- Governor's Office of Economic Development Chief Business Development Officer, Ken Fichtler
- Montana Dept. of Agriculture Director, Ben Thomas
- Montana Dept. of Labor and Industry Deputy Commissioner, Kathleen O'Leary

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Refreshment Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Know your Federal Funders – Moderator Anne Booth

Receive an overview from our new Business Development Director at Montana USDA- Lad Barney including changes and updates on Reconnect, RUS, Value Added Agriculture, Agriculture Innovate Centers, and more.

Learn how the U.S. Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration can participate in your community projects and growth of our cooperatives by Regional EDA Representative Kirk Keysor

11:15 – 12 p.m.

Connecting Your Community and Members through Social Media- Tia Troy Lightning Bug Public Relations

Social media has changed the way we all communicate, and many of our members seek information from us through social media. Are you taking advantage of this wave of communications? This is a teaser course to the Montana Cooperative Summit where a full 2-hour session will be done to begin or enhance your social media presence.

12:00 - 1:30pm

Lunch Buffet

Comment from MTA Geoff Feiss

Spotlight on MECA's Story of Bolivia – Ryan Hall

Invitation to the Montana Cooperative Summit April 2019- Tracy McIntyre

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Montana Council of Cooperatives Annual Business Meeting

- Call to order Ben Boreson, President
- Notice of Annual Meeting Dave Kelsey, Sec/Treasurer
- Quorum Report Dave Kelsey, Sec/Treasurer
- 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes Dave Kelsey, Sec/Treasurer
- Financial Report Dave Kelsey, Sec/Treasurer
- Management Report Tracy McIntyre
- Old Business
 - MCOOC Bylaws Amendments
- New Business
 - Election of Directors
 - Time and Place of 2021 Annual Meeting, January 11 – 13, 2021, Helena, MT
 - Door Prize Drawing

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Montana Council of Cooperatives Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda subject to change