



Awards **Banquet**

MANITOBA COOPERATIVE AWARDS PROGRAM

2018 Award Recipients

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Manitoba Cooperative
Association Inc.

Distinguished Cooperator

DALE WARD



"Dale currently sits as a Director on the Board of the Deposit Guarantee Corporation of Manitoba where he keeps strong ties to the cooperative community."

Dale started his career with the credit union system in 1976. During his tenure with Credit Union Central of Manitoba (CUCM), he was the Corporate Secretary and Division Manager of Corporate Services, from 1999 through March 2014. Dale held various positions within CUCM (Manager, Marketing & Development Services, Central Services Representative/Development Coordinator, and Computer Service Representative). Prior to his long career at CUCM, he worked at Cooperators Credit Union, Astra Credit Union, and Canadian Acceptance Corporation.

Dale Ward has served as a director on the Board of the Manitoba Cooperative Association (MCA) for 15 years, for ten he was the Board Vice Chair and for two he was the Board Chair. He has also participated as a Director, President and/or Chair of the Better Business Bureau of Manitoba, Fort Garry Lions Club, and Bonneycastle Parents Advisory Council. Dale currently sits as a Director on the Board of the Deposit Guarantee Corporation of Manitoba where he keeps strong ties to the cooperative community.

Dale retired from CUCM in March of 2014. He is married to Aynsley, has three sons, and resides in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He and his family are active supporters of and participants in numerous community organizations.

Cooperative Merit

MENNO PLETT



“During the time that Menno has served on the [Ste Anne Co-op] board, the Coop has grown from 1,200 members to 33,000 members.”

Menno Plett has always been a co-op supporter throughout his adult life. First by farming together with his father and brothers and later with his sons and grandsons. Menno became a board member of Ste Anne Co-op in 1980 and served as a director for 9 years. In 1989 Menno became the president of the board, the position he still holds today.

During the time that Menno has served on the board, the Coop has grown from 1,200 members to 33,000 members. From five employees to two hundred employees. From one location serving the Ste. Anne area to 14 locations serving all of Southeastern Manitoba and into Ontario. Sales have increased steadily from around two million to more than 121 million dollars in 2017. Also during his time on the Board, the Co-op has been renamed to Clearview Consumer’s Co-op Ltd.

Menno has served the larger co-op organization by getting involved to help the co-op prosper. Some examples are, co-chairing the Federated Co-operatives Limited annual meeting, and serving as a delegate to Federated Co-operatives Limited for 34 years, as well as serving on the Resolutions Committee for a couple of years.

Cooperative Youth Leadership

THE WASAGAMING FOUNDATION



"Local farming families had shared a better life as a result of co-operatives and desired that their children could learn about their philosophy and inner workings."

The non-profit Wasagaming Foundation was first formed in April 16, 1964, as a way to ensure the permanency of the established camping facility on the West shores of Clear Lake. The site had been previously owned and operated by the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation (M.F.A.C.). Today, the Wasagaming Foundation is responsible for the physical assets of the site, named Riding Mountain Conference Centre (R.M.C.C.) as well as the summer youth program Camp Wannakumbac that has been in operation at the site for decades.

The camp's co-op roots span much farther back than the official establishment of the Wasagaming Foundation. Since 1948, the M.F.A.C. had conducted summer camps with a focus on education about the co-op movement. Local farming families had shared a better life as a result of cooperatives and desired that their children could learn about their philosophy and inner workings. Children were taught the principles of governing self-help organizations, public speaking, conduct of meetings, parliamentary procedures, leadership of discussion groups, farm organization, and the rural community. At all camps, a snack bar was run and operated by campers to practice their new skills.

As years of programming at Camp Wannakumbac developed, emphasis moved away from actual education of co-op organizations and towards co-operation in a social sense. In 70 years of summer camp, the Wasagaming Foundation has focused on providing experience in group living, gaining a greater appreciation for the outdoors, providing recreation which the camper may not usually have access to, and provide as many opportunities as possible for learning new skills and leadership training. Since 1985, R.M.C.C. has annually hosted the Co-op Youth Leadership seminar in partnership with the Manitoba Cooperative Association. To this day much of camp's sponsorship comes from local cooperatives and credit unions throughout Manitoba.



Cooperative Youth Leadership

LA COOP VÉLO-CITÉ



“Currently, more than 50% of [La Coop Vélo-Cité’s] board members are 30 or under thus giving an opportunity for young adults to learn how to manage and govern a cooperative.”

Founded in 2016, La Coop Vélo-Cité started as a special project initiated in 2011-12 by the Conseil Jeunesse Provincial, the francophone youth council representing French-speaking youth from 14 to 25 years. The CJP is a founding member and first Community Supporting Member of the co-op.

Coop Vélo-Cité strives to involve youth and young adults at all levels. 75% of its founding members were 30 or under. Currently, more than 50% of its board members are 30 or under thus giving an opportunity for young adults to learn how to manage and govern a cooperative. Coop Vélo-Cité targets youth and young adults to become members and volunteers in the community bike shop. Individual memberships include children 13 and younger under a member parent as parents are encouraged to bring their children to become autonomous in fixing their own bikes. Membership is open to 14 to 17-year-olds with a parent’s permission. Youth as young as 12 are volunteering at CVC. Mandatory volunteer orientation includes a presentation on cooperative values and their impact on La Coop Vélo-Cité’s operations.

Coop Vélo-Cité represents youth at conferences, most recently Youth, Business and Green Jobs Conference of the International Organisation of La Francophonie, CMC Congress and Bike!Bike!



Past Recipients

DISTINGUISHED COOPERATORS

2015

Richard Lemoing

2014

Allan Morin
Ken Jenner

2012

Barry Gosnell

2011

Wayne McLeod

2010

John Sandborn

2009

Allen Merritt
Mel Willis

2007

Stan Scarr

2006

Glen Shellborn

2005

Glen Tully
Manfred Homann

2004

Walter Arndt
David Hughes
Donald Joseph
Pavelick
Maurice Therrien
Kai Winther

2003

Harold Foster
Gordon Maxwell
Sinclair
Wasyl Topolnicky
John Mathias Lee

2002

Jacob Redekop
Jocelyn Peifer

2001

Edwin Meyer
Ken Edie
Bill Halpenny

2000

Barry Durston
Wilfred Harder
Charles Swanson

1999

Lorne Robson
Charles Williams

1998

Edward Braun
Paul Hacault

1997

Harvey Fulton
Roy Kilburn
Erdman (Ed) Klassen
D. Mac MacNabb

1996

George Klassen
Jack Martin

1995

Theodore Breuer
Wes Hosler
Glenora Slimmon
William Strath

1994

David Day
Maurice Gauthier
Hugh McMullan
Harry Peters
Lorne Strandberg

1993

Les Brown
Lloyd Steen
Henry Wiebe

1992

Rudy Comeault
Andre Goussaert
Raynald Labossiere
Raymond Siemens

1991

Andrij Kachor
Ronald King
Denis Maynard

1990

Monsignor Belanger
James Deveson
Alexander Runciman
Oli Sigurdson
Donald Slimmon

COOPERATIVE MERIT

2016

Harvey Douglas
Robert Smith

2015

Ivan Sabesky

2013

Peter Vandermeulen

2012

Chris Dzisiak

2011

Marcel Daeninck

2010

David Kerr
Greg More

2009

Sandy Francis
Harold Stitt

2008

Judy Bewer
Rodney Crampton
Eric B. Irwin
Remi Tack

2007

Laurent Hacault
Marvin King
George Rideout
Emmanuel
VanDeVelde

2006

Calvin Shermerhorn

2004

John Castle
Elaine Clarke
Wayne Hacking
Eleanor Weedmark

2003

Peter Russell Jeffrey
Norma Jean McEwen
Kenneth MacBeth
Rogers
Nicholas Harry
Huminicki
Gary Cooper
Arlene Perry

COOPERATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

2017 DSI Tandem Co-op Resources Ltd.

2016 Western Manitoba Seniors
Non-Profit Housing Inc.

2015 Pembina Consumers Co-op 2000 Limited

2013 Urban Eatin' Gardeners Worker Coop

2012 Red River Co-operative Limited

2011 Assiniboine Credit Union Limited

2006 Nor'West Co-op Community Health Centre

2005 Winnipeg Beach Art + Culture Co-op

2004 Assiniboine Credit Union Limited

2004 Birchwood Funeral Chapel

2003 Transcona Credit Union Limited

2001 Brandon Seniors for Seniors Co-op Inc.

1998 Winkler Consumers Cooperative Limited

INNOVATIVE COOPERATIVE

1997 Astra Credit Union Ltd.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

2017 Stingers Credit Union

2012 Natural Cycle Courier

2010 Evan Bowness

2008 War on Music Worker Co-op

2006 Casera Credit Union



Award Descriptions

DISTINGUISHED COOPERATOR

This award recognizes and honours Manitobans who have made significant contributions to the development and success of the cooperative community through long, varied and meritorious services in volunteer, elected or employed positions within cooperatives and credit unions. This individual will have contributed to a variety of co-ops, including co-ops on the local, regional and national level. Current, former and retired employees, elected officials, volunteers and members of cooperatives and credit unions are eligible for nomination. The nominee must have lived in Manitoba and contributed to cooperatives and credit unions.

COOPERATIVE MERIT

This award recognizes and honours Manitobans who have made significant contributions to the development and success of a cooperative through service in volunteer, elected or employed positions within a single cooperative or credit union. The contributions of this individual to their co-op have enabled their co-op to grow and thrive. Current, former and retired employees, members, elected officials, volunteers and others who have supported the cooperative or credit union are eligible for nomination. The nominee must have lived in Manitoba.

COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP

To recognize significant contribution by young people, aged 30 and under, in cooperative endeavors. This award may also recognize the commitment and achievements of individuals or organizations in mentoring youth and supporting their successes as young cooperative leaders. Individuals, both youth and adults, and organizations are eligible for nomination. The nominee must have lived/operated in Manitoba.