

NCBA CLUSA Cooperative Economics Council Charter

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Committee Designation & Authority	The Cooperative Economics Council is a volunteer community of subject matter experts within the cooperative sector.
Objectives & Scope of Activities	<p>The Council serves NCBA CLUSA solely on an advisory role and provides insight and research to sharpen NCBA CLUSA’s analytical capacity and ensure continued expertise on issues related to the further development, promotion, and protection of the cooperative business model aligned with the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) statement on cooperative identity.</p> <p>The Council provides a platform for engagement with cooperative development and evaluation experts and contributes to NCBA CLUSA’s vision to build a better world and more inclusive economy that empowers people to contribute to shared prosperity and well-being for themselves and future generations.</p> <p>NCBA CLUSA will use the advice, recommendations, and guidance from the Council to (i) inform educational programming for cooperative members, and (ii) inform upon future policy and advocacy priorities.</p>
Volunteer Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council shall be comprised of no more than 25 members who are recognized experts in cooperatives. • Volunteer members are invited to serve based on the professional and thematic perspectives they bring to the Council. Volunteer members will be invited to join the council representing different sector-specific expertise and perspectives. • Volunteer members shall have or be in the pursuit of an advanced degree. • All volunteer members shall serve without compensation. • Composition of the Council shall strive for diversity in demographics, sector, and geography.
Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-members appointed to serve in a consultative capacity generally providing special expertise to the council. • Appointed on recommendation of the Co-Chairs, Staff Liaison or President & CEO. • Appointed only in special circumstances, i.e., subject matter expertise (SME) or Farmer-to-Farmer experience. • All advisors shall serve without compensation.
NCBA CLUSA Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chairs are required to be members of NCBA CLUSA. • Volunteer members are required to be a member of NCBA CLUSA. • Advisors are not required to be members of NCBA CLUSA.
Terms	The Council volunteer members may serve indefinitely on a continuing basis,

	<p>subject to biennial renewal.</p> <p>The NCBA CLUSA President shall appoint volunteer members to the Council, pending approval by the Co-Chairs.</p> <p>Co-Chairs will be appointed to two-year terms renewable subject to NCBA CLUSA President.</p> <p>Co-chairs will work directly with the NCBA staff and management to set agendas and identify issues in meeting topics/structures/etc. to ensure that the work of the Council is accomplished and members' time is well used. The co-chairs will also make verbal or written reports as useful to the NCBA CLUSA staff on subjects they deem important.</p>
<p>Description of Duties</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NCBA CLUSA is an association of cooperatives dedicated to representing and advocating the wider cooperative movement in support of building an inclusive economy. The Cooperative Economics Council is an integral component of this work. 2. The Cooperative Economics Council exists to promote the cooperative business model, to provide analysis on important and timely issues to cooperatives and to serve as a forum for researchers interested in better understanding cooperatives, credit unions and mutuals. 3. The Cooperative Economics Council is dedicated to promoting a diversity of views and perspectives on the issues cooperatives face today. 4. At each annual educational conference, NCBA CLUSA believes volunteer members of the Cooperative Economics Council offer a uniquely impactful presence. Volunteer members are strongly encouraged to participate either in a Council-specific session or otherwise. 5. NCBA CLUSA desires that members of the Cooperative Economics Council produce publications for <i>The Cooperative Business Journal</i> and the <i>Cooperative Weekly</i>.
<p>Meetings</p>	<p>The Council is expected to meet approximately once each month at a date and time to be agreed-upon by members.</p>
<p>Record Keeping</p>	<p>The meeting minutes and generated deliverables from the Council will be stored with Board/Volunteer documentation on the NCBA CLUSA cloud server.</p>