

Candidate Statement: David Leppert

I first learned about the cooperative business model in 1995 while leading a group of family businesses in their fight against the emerging giant, Home Depot. That discovery changed the trajectory of my career and helped me deliver impactful solutions to thousands of small businesses.

I believe cooperatives are a magical solution. "Together we can" is the statement behind every cooperative effort. At a macroeconomic level, it brings balance to the unchecked aspects of capitalism. At the individual level, it preserves dignity and empowers people who would otherwise not have a voice.

I bring years of experience adapting the cooperative model in creative ways. I have been trained in policy governance by having served on boards and reported to boards. I bring a fresh perspective to the broad array of projects underway at NCBA CLUSA.

The importance of NCBA CLUSA's work has never been greater. Our opportunity to impact the world continues and I'd like to be of service in that effort.