**Candidate Statement** **- Dave Swanson**

I love the cooperative business model. I have worked with over 100 cooperatives in the past 40 years, including nearly all of the co-op sectors. I have served on the NCBA board for over 12 years. NCBA is uniquely situated (i) to bring the strengths and practices of all of the different co-op sectors together, (ii) to provide forums for the co-op sectors to collaborate and support and learn from each other, and (iii) to promote continued development of new and better cooperatives and co-op sectors. In today’s focus on changing and improving the United States, NCBA is well-positioned to become stronger and to have a significant impact on use of the co-op model to improve the lives of all Americans.