

Nicole Erickson

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am grateful to be considered for the National Cooperative Business Association Board of Directors. As Vice President of Finance at Frontier Co-op, I will bring seven years of experience helping our co-op grow and evolve, adapting our processes, technology, and strategy to meet the dynamic needs of our business, consumers, suppliers, and our employees.

Prior to joining the co-op world, I spent the first portion of my career with the finance team at a Fortune 100 public manufacturing company. While an incredible learning experience, after ten years my hobbies and interests in health and wellness along with my roots in the Midwest drove me to accept a position at Frontier Co-op – a natural products CPG cooperative based in Iowa. Frontier was my first experience working in a co-op, but I was excited at the opportunity to have an impact both in terms of the business elements of running a company, but also the social elements of the co-op and their commitment to having a positive impact in the lives they touch around the world.

Having been with Frontier Co-op now for seven years, I have been fortunate to see firsthand the transformative impact that co-ops can have in helping communities address social and economic challenges in creative and sustainable ways. I have admired NCBA's leadership in global cooperative development especially over the past several years, and its commitment to alleviating poverty through the cooperative model in countries around the world. It's for this reason that I am excited to pursue a role with NCBA's Board of Directors. From my unique perspective at a natural CPG cooperative with global reach, I believe I can provide insight and guidance as NCBA continues to collaborate with partners from all sectors and use the cooperative model to drive sustainable solutions across the country and around the world.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this process. I look forward to meeting and interacting with such a diverse array of representatives from a broad variety of industries and am excited to work with and learn from this group of cooperative leaders. I am confident we can help NCBA continue to grow and evolve, continuing to identify creative cooperative solutions to address economic, social, and environmental issues.

Sincerely,
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