

MICHELLE SCHRY

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

“What will you bring to the NCBA CLUSA board?”

I bring a deep personal commitment to the work of cooperatives and a dogged determination to bring greater appreciation and understanding of how cooperatives can change circumstances and build an inclusive economy when people leverage their collective resources both domestically and internationally. I also bring a link to some of the most active cooperative members in the U.S.—food co-op members. Food co-ops represent more than 1.3 million member-owners, and whenever NCBA CLUSA has put out a call for assistance, food co-ops and their members have answered—writing letters, calling legislators and donating money.

I’ve had the great honor of serving on the NCBA CLUSA board for several years. NCBA CLUSA is a crucial connection between co-op sectors, co-ops old and new, and cooperators with a range of life experiences. No other organization has the potential to make more impact than one that brings cooperators together to work together in their common interests. I bring pragmatism, vision, organizational development skills and a serious commitment to social justice to the work. I believe that every organization must constantly evolve to meet the changing needs of those it serves. I am committed and inspired to assist in shepherding NCBA CLUSA through that evolution so that we can achieve our vision of a truly inclusive economy.