

# Education Conference for co-op housing Fall 2012



Full workshop details and

workshop leaders at:

www.chf.bc.ca

# Saturday, October 20

## FULL-DAY WORKSHOP 9:30 AM TO 4:45 PM

## Keeping your co-op full—heading toward 2020 NEW

What's the best way to keep your co-op full of good members who'll be the right fit for your community? Let's look at ways to update the membership process, reduce demands on busy volunteers and market our co-ops for a new reality as we approach 2020. This will include an introduction to behavioural-based interviewing — a new way to look at the recruitment process.

Remember, this is a full-day workshop so you cannot take a second workshop.

# MORNING WORKSHOPS 9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

## Ask the lawyers

Spend a morning with lawyers Geoffrey Dabbs and Grant Haddock tackling all of the toughest legal questions you can think of. Don't miss this chance to benefit from the experience of two seasoned co-op lawyers. You bring the questions, they'll bring the answers.

## 5 Future shock: Planning for the end of your operating agreement NEW Most co-op operating agreements

will end by 2020. How will this affect your co-op — legally, financially, physically and as a community? We'll discuss the key issues you need to address in an action plan to ensure your long-term success. Learn how CHF BC can help.

# What makes a good board?

The board is responsible for managing the business of the co-op. Let us show you what it takes for a board to guarantee the co-op's success as a viable business and a co-operative community.

## Great board meetings

With organized agendas, effective chairing, good minutes and reports, you should be able to hold productive meetings. Add to the mix some planning, organizing and training tools along with directors who make positive contributions — and you'll have great board meetings. We'll show you how.

# Take the Sound

As we approach the end of the Year of Getting Management Right, learn how to use the Sound Management Test in your co-op to identify your own management strengths and challenges. We'll discuss practical strategies for improving management outcomes and supporting sound management in your co-op.

# LUNCH

12:30 PM TO 1:45 PM

# AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS 1:45 PM TO 4:45 PM

## Aging in place NEW

How can co-op communities be supportive, livable, accessible, and engaging for senior members? Panelists will touch on social and health issues, strategies to keep members safe and living longer in their units, help with transition out of the co-op if necessary, and the co-op's legal obligations.

10 <u>10 things to look for in your</u> <u>co-op's financial statements</u> NEW Your financial statements are the most important indicators of your co-op's financial health. We'll help the non-expert co-op director get more from the financial statements without going back to school.

# **Board planning NEW**

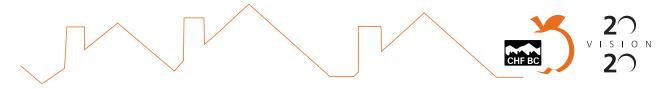
Did your co-op hold a planning session last year? Busy boards often overlook this key governance task. You'll learn how to design and hold a planning session and how to ensure that short and long-term plans are made and followed.

**Good elections, good directors NEW** Let's talk about why we

have trouble finding good directors and explore some different and exciting models for recruiting directors in co-ops. You'll take home some helpful tools and a process to make sure that the best people are elected to the board — every time. **9** Supporting sound management NEW

Good governance and sound management go hand in hand. Panelists from management companies, the Agency and a co-op board will talk about common management challenges and how to overcome them. Together we'll look at ways that boards and members can support sound management in their co-op.

# Please post



# Fall Education Conference Saturday, October 20, 2012 Executive Hotel and Conference Centre Burnaby 4201 Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby

## Register online at www.chf.bc.ca

For more information contact Cathy Miceli: registrar@chf.bc.ca or 604.879.5111 (toll-free 1.866.879.5111), ext. 140

9 BRAND NEW WORKSHOPS

# 11 WORKSHOPS IN ALL TO CHOOSE FROM!

## **DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBER CO-OPS ONLY**

### Early

Register by October 1 and save \$10 off each full-day registration fee.

### Island

Each Vancouver Island co-op will receive a \$65 travel discount.

### Free

Member co-ops in Thompson Okanagan, Northern BC and Kootenay regions are eligible for two free registrations and one free hotel accommodation.

## FEES PER PERSON, INCLUDES LUNCH

## FULL-DAY RATES (TWO HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS)

<b>Member</b> Discount if received by October 1 Non-member	\$155 - \$10 \$620
HALF-DAY RATES	
Member	\$100
Non-member	\$400
Island co-op travel discount	- \$65

### HST will be added.

CHF BC will bill your co-op after the conference. When you register online, you will be asked to confirm that your co-op has authorized your registration.

## CANCELLATION

Cancel by 12 noon on Tuesday, October 16 — if not, we will invoice your co-op. Workshops with fewer than 10 people registered may be cancelled. Workshop limit is 20 people but may increase.

## **CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE**

9:00 am – 9:25 am coffee, tea and registration

9:30 am – 12:30 pm workshops

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm lunch and registration

1:45 pm – 4:45 pm workshops

## **CHF BC PAPER POLICY**

Participants will have easy access to material from all conference workshops on our website after the conference.



2012 is the **International Year of Co-operatives** and a perfect time to emphasize the important role management plays in the success of our members' co-op housing enterprises. Join with CHF Canada and CHF BC in making 2012 **the Year of Getting Management Right**.

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