Statement of Interest

Board Treasurer

Moscow Food Co-op

Dear Board Members,

I am sincerely interested in serving the board and the Moscow Food Co-op as board treasurer for the upcoming year. Transparency is a critical element of a healthy cooperative and the board treasurer plays an important role in communicating the Co-op's financial condition to the ownership. It is my intention to work with the General Manager and our fiscal specialist so that I can clearly present our financial condition to the ownership. This communication is important in maintaining trust with the ownership and I do not take this responsibility lightly. Transparency is critical to ensuring that our Co-op is not perceived as a "black box" where information is obscured. A second responsibility of the treasurer is to create the board's budget. I look forward to communicating with all board members, the General Manager, and our fiscal specialist, to ensure we have an adequate and accurately prepared budget. Again, transparency is important in this process so that ownership, management, and board members fully understand the resources needed to complete our board duties.

During the past two years I have served as chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee. This has been a valuable experience in understanding board activities and leadership. I have benefited from this by realizing the need for communication, understanding, and timeliness of completing tasks and goals. I have also recognized the immense importance of committee members and the Co-op staff in this process. I look forward to creating new connections to accomplish the responsibilities and duties of board treasurer and being a part of the executive committee.

As a researcher, I have studied implications and trends from data I have collected, analyzed, and synthesized into research reports and publications. These experiences will directly benefit me as board treasurer in communicating the Co-op's financial condition.

I am looking forward to being your board treasurer and I am asking for your support.

Sincerely,

Mark Thorne