

Policy Type: Board Process
Policy Title: C10 – Process for Distributing a Petition
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A member has the right to call a special meeting by submitting a petition signed by 10 percent of the membership. If the member wants access to member contact information in order to circulate a petition, they must comply with the following process.

1. A petition must clearly state the purpose of the meeting.
2. The petitioner must collect signatures from at least 2% of Co-op members. Signature gathering will not be allowed in the store, and Co-op resources will not be used to help gather these signatures.
3. The petition will be presented to the General Manager to validate the signatures. The signature validation will be done within 21 days.
4. If the required number of signatures is validated, Co-op resources will be used to distribute the petition to the full membership. If the petitioner desires, the Co-op will send a postal mailing to members at the petitioner's expense. Signatures will be validated by the General Manager within 21 days of submission.
5. If the required number of members signs the petition, the Board will call a special meeting in accordance with the bylaws. Electronic voting will be available.