

KANSAS COOPERATIVE COUNCIL

2011

Your Dues Dollars at Work

> **Advocacy**

The Council is speaking for members in 2011. Individually, and in coalitions, the KCC is working to protect co-op business interests through support for workers' compensation reform, advocating for state grain warehouse program funding, carefully watching the budget process, and by educating lawmakers on the provisions of immigration reform packages detrimental to business. Nationally, we sought repeal of the IRS form 1099 reporting requirements. We also support a delay in implementing the "interchange rule" as it applies to credit unions, follow regulatory actions and are currently working with national partners on issues related to the 2012 farm bill.

> **Education**

Director Development Program (DDP)

Offers annual training specifically for local co-op directors. The program provides foundational information local leaders need for meeting their fiduciary responsibilities as a board member.

New Cooperative Leaders' Meeting

Every other year, a special orientation seminar is held for new co-op managers, managers new to the Kansas co-op family or mid-level employees hoping to become managers.

Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC)

The KCC and KSU established this center of excellence dedicated to co-op education. For more than a quarter century, ACCC has been training local co-op leaders and teaching college students about unique aspects of co-ops.

ACCC Symposium and KCC Leadership Roundtable

Held in conjunction with each other, the combination training event focuses on timely issues in the cooperative business world. Management and board leaders attend.

Scholarships

Scholarship funds within the cooperative family have been established under the ACCC umbrella. More than \$38,000 has been awarded to date.

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> **Promotion/Image**

Co-op Hall of Fame

Honors those that have advanced and supported the cooperative business model.

Century Co-op Award

Honors co-ops that have served members for 100 years or more.

Co-op Month

Each October, the KCC leads promotional efforts in celebration of National Co-op Month.

Co-op Cottage Renovation

Kansas co-ops financed the complete renovation of Co-op Cottage at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

> **Legal Defense**

The Legal Defense Fund provides monetary assistance in the form of reimbursement to those cooperatives who become involved in litigation which might adversely affect Kansas cooperatives. The fund is supported by voluntary contributions KCC members make beyond their regular dues assessment.

> **Leadership Involvements**

The KCC is making a mark in regional and national leadership positions for the benefit of our cooperative members.

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (NCFC)

The KCC is an active and long-standing member. We serve on the Government Affairs Committee and hold one for four state council seats on the NCFC Council.

National Conference of State Cooperative Councils (NCSCC)

The NCSCC is comprised of state co-op councils from across the U.S. Over the years, KCC representatives have served in key leadership positions, hosted the biennial conference, and facilitated outreach efforts to other state councils.

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