

## ADVOCACY

The Council actively participates in the legislative and regulatory arenas.

*We are the "eyes and ears" at the Kansas Capitol for co-op members and "their voice" before policymakers in Topeka and Washington, DC.*

Our policy development process relies on member involvement and focuses on protecting and advancing cooperative business success. In addition to our legislative and regulatory efforts, the KCC monitors judicial actions that can affect cooperatives.

Council members have established a legal defense fund to assist cooperatives involved in cases that can have broad impact on the cooperative family.



## EDUCATION

Increasing knowledge of co-ops, teaching about cooperative principles and developing cooperative leaders' talents are key components of the Council's educational programming.

The KCC annually provides training for local co-op directors and partners in events designed to improve co-op leaders' abilities to conduct successful business operations. A program to educate "new" cooperative leaders of all ages is also available.



More than a quarter-century ago, the Council partnered with Kansas State University to create the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC). Over the years, the ACCC has played an important role in member education. KCC members have led the effort to financially support the Center and the co-op family provides scholarship dollars to Kansas State University students enrolled in agriculture related studies.

## PROMOTION

*Advancing the cooperative movement*

- *Highlighting cooperative success*
- *Recognizing cooperative contributions*
- *Promoting cooperative philosophies*

We keep members informed through weekly legislative emails and other periodic publications.

Each October, we take part in the National Co-op Month celebration through member recognition and public outreach.



The Council honors our co-op heroes each year when a new class is ushered into the Kansas Co-op Hall of Fame. Men and women who have exemplified co-op philosophies are recognized for their accomplishments by induction into the Hall of Fame. The display is located at the Kansas State Fair's Pride of Kansas building in Hutchinson.

*The Kansas Cooperative Council is a voluntary trade association founded in 1944 representing all forms of cooperatively structured businesses in Kansas.*

**Council membership includes:**

- local farm supply/marketing cooperatives
- rural electric cooperatives
- telephone cooperatives
- financial cooperatives/credit unions
- regional cooperatives
- associate members



**How You Can Become Involved**

More information on the KCC, our activities, and how you can become a member is available on the Council website at

[www.kansasco-op.coop](http://www.kansasco-op.coop)

or by calling

888-603-COOP (2667).



***Advancing Cooperative  
Business Success***

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