23rd annual
Distinguished Co-operator Hall of Fame Award
call for nominations

The Nova Scotia Distinguished Co-operator Hall of Fame Awards ceremony is held annually to recognize and honor Nova Scotian co-operators for outstanding achievement and service to the co-operative movement.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 27, 2020

Awards will be presented at the Council’s Annual General Meeting in June.

Presented by
Nova Scotia Co-operative Council
Help us recognize the enormous contributions made by Nova Scotian co-operators to the economic and social well-being of our province...

NOMINEES

Any Nova Scotian co-operator is eligible, including elected officials, individual members, and employees of co-operatives, credit unions, and caisse populaires. Nominees may be active or retired, or may be nominated posthumously.

The staff and board members of the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council are not eligible while serving with the organization. Any co-operative, credit union and caisse populaire, or any individual member of these organizations in Nova Scotia may nominate a person for this award. Past nominations may be updated and resubmitted if the nominee was not an award recipient. Applications are held and considered for three (3) years.

Recipients will be chosen by the selection committee. Decisions of the selection committee are confidential and final. The number of awards to be presented will be determined by the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council or its appointed selection committee.

SELECTION

As a nominator, it is your responsibility to provide information that reflects the achievements of the nominee. Be thorough and factual. The following areas will be considered by the selection committee:

Leadership - Leadership positions held, the range of organizations led, and leadership success

Innovation - Use of creativity and innovation, as well as finding and using co-operative solutions

Membership - Mobilizing members, success, and obstacles overcome

Community betterment - Immediate and long-term benefits, potential for future benefits, number or diversity of communities benefited (your ‘community’ may include a geographical area, industry, cultural group, etc)

Communication - Success in communicating co-operative or credit union achievements

Mentoring - Developing a new generation of co-operators or co-operative organizations

Co-operative vision - Building a vision and contributing to the vision of the co-operative sector or credit union system

All nominations will be thoroughly reviewed by the Distinguished Co-operator Hall of Fame Awards Committee. Only complete nomination packages will be considered by the committee. For further information or for assistance in completing your nomination package, please contact the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council at (902) 893-8966 or via email at info@novascotia.coop. Additional nomination packages may be found on our website by visiting www.novascotia.coop.

Background

The Nova Scotia Distinguished Co-operator Hall of Fame Awards program (previously the Distinguished Co-operator Award) was established in 1996 to recognize the enormous contributions made by Nova Scotian co-operators to the economic and social well-being of our province. These awards recognize innovators within the co-operative and credit union movement, highlight the importance of the co-operative sector, while encouraging co-operators to support their leaders and acknowledge the significant contributions of Nova Scotian co-operators, including those who support and sustain our rural communities, and foster involvement in the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council while celebrating the contributions and achievements of those who have helped the Council and its members to grow.
STATEMENT OF NOMINEE CONTRIBUTIONS

Selection will be based on the following, and as such, must be provided for the nominee to be eligible for this award. On a separate paper, typed or clearly printed, please describe the following:

- Total years of service to the co-operative movement (volunteer and/or employee)
- Leadership positions held in the co-operative and credit union sector (volunteer and/or employee)
- Leadership demonstrated in the co-operative movement (as a volunteer and/or employee)
- Diversity of co-operatives served
- Local, provincial, regional, national, and international co-operative and/or credit union contributions (organizations, positions, years, etc)
- Other community and/or volunteer contributions (local organizations, church groups, positions, years, etc)
- Role played in the success or performance of co-operatives or credit unions
- Role played in the promotion and development of new co-operative ventures
- Honors and awards received
- Additional comments and information

Submit the above information, along with the application form and any supporting documentation, to the Distinguished Co-operator Hall of Fame Awards Committee no later than March 27, 2020.

Only complete nomination packages will be accepted.

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail “
DISTINGUISHED CO-OPERATOR HALL OF FAME AWARDS NOMINATION APPLICATION

The/I ________________________________

is/am please to nominate ________________________________

For the Nova Scotia Distinguished Co-operator Awards.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator ________________________________

Organization ________________________________

Position ________________________________

Mailing address ________________________________

Civic address (if different from above) ________________________________

City/Town______________ Province______________ Postal Code______________

Phone______________ Fax______________ Email______________

I am submitting the co-operative biography of ________________________________

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Is the nominee living? □ Yes □ No

If yes, please provide the following information:

Mailing address ________________________________

Civic address (if different from above) ________________________________

City/Town______________ Province______________ Postal Code______________

Phone______________ Fax______________ Email______________

Leadership: total years of service volunteer and/or employment, positions held, range of organizations led, and leadership success.

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Innovation: use of creativity and innovation, as well as finding and using co-operative solutions.

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Membership: diversity and contribution in co-operatives/credit unions served (local, provincial, national, international); mobilizing members and successes.
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Community Involvement: may include a geographical area, industry, cultural group etc.; other community/volunteer organizations or groups.
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Communication: success in communicating co-operative or credit union achievements and ventures; role played in the success or performance of co-operatives and credit unions, and/or role played in the promotion or development of new co-operative ventures.
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Honors and awards received:
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Additional comments and information:
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*I have read the information contained in this nomination package and certify that all information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

This nomination package is complete (as per instructions on page 3)   □Yes   □No

Signature ___________________________     Date _______________________

Submit completed application packages *by March 27, 2020* to

**Distinguished Co-operator Hall of Fame Awards Committee**  
c/o Nova Scotia Co-operative Council  
PO Box 1872,  
Truro, NS  B2N 6C7