

A 20 second (maybe a full minute) update on the activities of NWCDC!



Twenty on the Twenty

A 20-second (or so) monthly update about co-op development in the Pacific Northwest provided to you on or about the 20th of each month.

Visit our Website

NWCDC @ ACE

NWCDC Staffer, John McNamara joined other cooperative educators and developers at the [Association of Cooperative Educators](#) conference held in Calgary, Alberta. John shared a panel on community wealth building with Steve Dubb of **The Democracy Collaborative** and Hazel Corcoran, Executive Director of the **Canadian Worker Co-op Federation**. John's talk discussed the role of union-coops and the American Dream while Steve discussed the Evergreen Model and lessons learned. Hazel presented an exciting effort to replicate the [Arizmendi Development Co-op](#) model in Calgary with the technical assistance of the San Francisco based network.



John (right) met Ryan Taylor, USDA's new State Director in North Dakota and author Cowboy Logic series of books and columns.

US Cities Get "Co-op Fever"

Cities around the United States have started engaging cooperatives as a means of revitalizing their local economy. While Cleveland Ohio remains the best known effort, New York City is in its second year of a multi-million dollar effort to create worker cooperatives. Madison WI is about to finalize a \$3.5 million effort next month, and the cities of Richmond, VA and Rochester NY are working with [The Democracy Collaborative](#) to develop their own version of the Cleveland experience. Last fall, the City of Oakland passed a resolution supporting worker coop development. The use of co-ops as a means of community development continues to gain momentum!



