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development center

## 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. **Please share with your network!**

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### NWCDC Annual Meeting and Board Retreat



The NWDC updated its strategic plan for the new year with an emphasis on education and outreach while also creating sustainable funding models to keep the mission of the NWDC strong and focused on co-op development in the Pacific Northwest. Derrick Rhayn spoke to the group about fundraising and building capacity for fundraising by NWDC. In the afternoon, the Board met to work on its own development which included the creation of a fundraising committee.

NWCDC Staff and Directors met at Albee's Garden on January 5th for the annual meeting. Three new directors joined the board of directors. They are Ralph Honhongva, Katherine Minthorn-Goodluck and Debbie Wege. **Katherine Minthorn-Goodluck** is a member of Confederated Tribes of Umatilla and works as Regional Technical Assistance Specialist at Intertribal Agriculture Council serving the Tribes of Oregon and Idaho. **Debbie Wegge** serves as the BECU Cooperative Community Advocate. Responsible for helping to continue to bring co-op principles to life for BECU employees, members and the community. **Ralph Honhongva** is a member of the Hopi Tribe and has lived in Washington since 1993. He has extensive experience working with tribes in various capacities, including many years as a tribal general manager.

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### Twisted Strait to Hold First Annual General Meeting and Elect Board

Twisted Strait Fibers membership drive has been well received. The co-op, which markets fiber arts created by members and seeks to establish a fiber mill on the Olympic Peninsula, has forty-six individual members and one corporate member. A year ago, TSF had no formal members and managed through a five member steering committee. 2017 was a strong year of development for the co-op. The Steering Committee now seeks to disband and replace itself with an elected board of

directors that will take the cooperative into the next phase. With an annual meeting planned for late February, nominations for the initial board of directors closes this week. Elections should be concluded in time for the Annual meeting with the new board introduced and seated at that time.

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### Go Bio Community Fuels

Bend, Oregon may soon be home to a bio-fuel services co-op. Jeff Rola has begun spearheading a co-op project stating, "Go Bio Community Fuels gives local fuel users the power to choose cleaner, greener alternatives to fossil fuels, the opportunity to drive toward a low carbon future, and the financial incentives of a cooperative because — We Own the Fuel."

The co-op hopes to raise equity through a membership drive that will cover the costs to create at least one B-20 or greater and an E-85 (ethanol) filling station sourced with Oregon fuels along with an EV charger. The plan also envisions a mobile fueling truck that travels throughout the service region as a further convenience. Initial shares are \$1,000 and Rola hopes to attract 250 members by the end of 2018. Visit [GoBio.com](http://GoBio.com) for more information.

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### NWCDC Welcomes TESC Students

The Winter Quarter began at **The Evergreen State College** and that brought four students to NWCDC working on their studies on the cooperative model through Independent Learning Contracts. They will be working directly with clients under staff supervision to assist with creating co-op centric marketing plans, business planning, board governance documents, and assisting with Resident-Owned Community development. They comprise one of the largest cohorts of students that NWCDC has hosted. The students already impressed staff and clients with their ideas, attention to detail, and commitment.

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