



May Member Action Committee (MAC) Meeting Recap

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The committee is interested in finding an opportunity for a facilitated employee/management/union/member meeting. This topic will be continued at the June MAC meeting.

The majority of the MAC meeting was focused on a topic brought up by three members who made a presentation about the inventory they had conducted at the Arcata Co-op of all the products containing palm oil. Based on their interpretation of the Purchasing and Merchandising Policy, the members request the Co-op stop carrying all products containing palm oil. The committee agreed the first step should be educating shoppers to encourage people to shop their values and choose brands or products accordingly. The presenters were encouraged to write an educational feature to be included in the next issue of Co-op News.

Affordable wireless lighting has been identified and will be purchased and placed in problem outdoor areas in Arcata.

Data from other co-ops with “low-income” programs was presented. The Sustainability Coordinator will follow up with co-ops most similar in size and program type to gain further useful information to model our current pilot Co-op Access Program.

Next MAC meeting: Wednesday, June 12th 5:30-6:30pm in the Arcata conference room.

MAC agendas are posted a week prior to the meeting in stores, online or you can request to receive them by email by emailing emilywalter@northcoast.coop.