

Cooperative Success

WORKSHOP AGENDA *(Subject to change)*

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Double Tree by Hilton West Edmonton, Room TBA

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1:00 pm Workshop kick Off

- **Cooperatives 101:** Revisit the core principals of cooperatives- a good refresher, or great for those new to co-ops.
- **Cooperative Success:** Why do some co-ops succeed while others fail? Learn how to ensure your co-op remains sustainable.
- **Don't let the Numbers Lie:** How to gain a true understanding to financial health- learn how to ask better questions regarding your co-op's finances.
- **Bylaws, Policies & Procedures:** The nitty gritty that is paramount to co-op success.
- **Cooperative Law:** Cooperative Act lawyer will review frequently asked questions: chances are that if you have a question, someone else is wondering the same thing.

4:30 pm Workshop Wrap Up

Speakers:



Kyle White

Co-operatives First Director of Education

Kyle has encyclopedic knowledge, and our clients reap the benefits. He is THE expert on the process of starting co-operatives – from incorporating the business and writing its bylaws to creating policies and navigating legislation. Kyle is an educator at heart: he has written our accessible resources and tools, and created our online workshops and courses that teach people how co-ops work in non-jargony language we can all understand.

Kyle loves working with boards of directors to build processes that will help their co-ops succeed, and seeing the impact that co-operatives have on their communities.



Elliot Bridgewater

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Elliot has been a member of the Law Society of Alberta for over a decade and was recently admitted to the Wisconsin Law Society. He has taught Cooperative Law at the University of Calgary and frequently serves as a guest lecturer on cooperative legal issues.

Since 2017, Elliot has provided independent legal services to community-minded businesses, with a focus on co-operative structure, governance, and sustainability.

He is an active member of the Alberta Community and Co-operative Association (ACCA).