

Member-Staff Relations Roundtable Discussion Questions

1) What are the most common complaints members make about communications with the staff?

2) What are the most common complaints staff make about how members communicate with co-op employees?

3) How does your co-op evaluate the staff, and how are the results of the evaluations shared with the membership?

4) Does your co-op have a single point of contact between staff and members? How has your co-op's system helped or harmed member-staff relationships? (For example, some co-ops have all personnel issues go through an Executive Director and a committee of the board. Others have many points of contact.)

5) Do the staff at your co-op have clear job descriptions and lists of duties? How do your members know which staff person to approach for a specific issue?

6) Do your members have a clear idea of how to bring a complaint about a staff member? Does your co-op have a way for staff members to raise concerns about the conduct of members or directors?

7) Does your co-op have a way for the Board or Personnel committee to self-evaluate the way in which they deal with Personnel issues?