

By- Laws Of Bloomington Cooperative Living, Incorporated

Mission:

*To build the foundations for a sustainable society
through the practice of cooperative living.*

ARTICLE I

1. Principles:

1.1 Equal Empowerment: All members of the cooperative will be able to play an **equal** part in the decision making process.

1.2 Equal Accountability: All members will be responsible for ensuring that the cooperative remains a good place to live and grow.

1.3 Collective Control of Resources: All property purchased by the cooperative will be owned in common by all members.

1.4 Sustainable Lifestyle

1.41 Ecological Sustainability: We will take all possible measures to minimize energy consumption and act in concert with local and global ecosystems.

1.42 Social Sustainability: We will maintain an environment which is open to people from all backgrounds and capable of changing in accordance with the needs and ideals of the membership.

1.43 Economic Sustainability: We will ensure that membership remains affordable, and that the organization remains fiscally viable.

1.5 Mutual Respect & Diversity: We will remain friendly and open to all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic background, political views, education, occupation, dietary choice and favorite color.

1.6 Civic, campus, & co—operative community engagement: We will be active members in the Indiana University and greater Bloomington communities. We will foster solidarity with cooperatives in the community and around the world.

2. Membership:

2.1 Members are defined as “shareholders in Indiana University Students in Cooperation, Inc.”

2.11 No member will be allowed to own more than one share.

2.2 Membership is free and open to all members of the Bloomington, Indiana community.

2.3 Individual houses will have the freedom to set forth criteria for membership in the house constitution, as authored and amended by the members of that house.

2.4 Resident membership must be composed with at least seventy-five (75) percent of resident members qualifying as low-income (earning no more than eighty (80) percent of the local median income) and at least twenty (20) percent of resident members qualifying as very-low income (earning no more than fifty (50) percent of the local median income). No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the units may be occupied by persons who have incomes in excess of the low-income limit.

3. Board:

3.1 The Board of Directors will be an elected group of eight members, including honorary members and members as defined in the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation.

3.2 The board will be the sole decision making entity within the cooperative.

4. Decision making:

4.1 **Board:** Decisions at the board level will be made according to the kwunsensus method, as defined by the Inter Cooperative Council of Ann Arbor in Chapter 1 Section 1.5 of their "Standing Rules." [See Figure 4.11 & 4.12]

4.2 **Houses:** the decision making method within each house will be set forth by the house constitution.

5. Objectives:

5.1 Create a living environment structured around the universal principles of cooperation

5.11 Acquire, finance, and manage property according to and in furtherance of the aforesaid principles

5.12 Build a close knit, horizontally organized community that will perpetuate the aforesaid principals through active practice.

5.2 Encourage active participation and engagement of all members

5.21 Hold regular meetings and practice participatory decision—making

5.22 Promote spontaneous acts of cooperation.

5.3 Sustain the organization through generations of membership

5.31 Maintain an active recruitment process

5.4 Preserve history of organization to aid future decision—making

5.41 General bookkeeping.

5.42 Continuous narrative of organization through various media—based projects.

5.43 Development and perpetuation of organization and house—specific traditions.

5.44 Generate a co-op cookbook.

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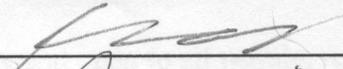
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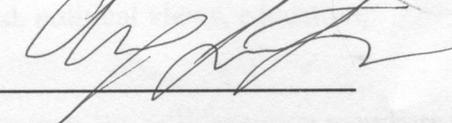
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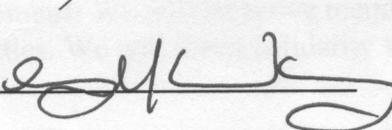
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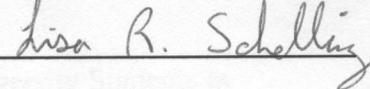
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