OPEN AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP

• Open vs. non-discriminatory
• Open to those who meet member eligibility requirements in bylaws
MEMBER ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

• Patronage is fundamental to maintaining user-owner linkage and co-op differentiation;
• Separate share values from control rights
DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

• One member/one vote
• No proxy voting
• Diversity of membership contributes to democratic health
• Delegate body (democratic “heart beat”)