

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”)