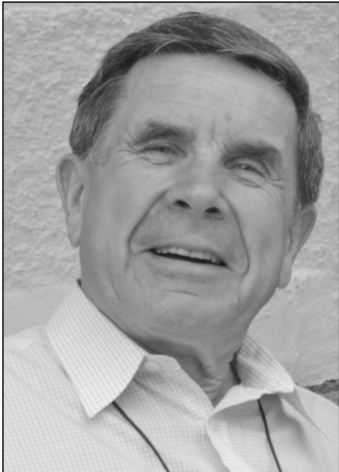


CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE ACHIVEMENT AWARD

Peter Podovnikoff



Peter Podovnikoff has been a leader in the co-operative movement and many have benefited from his passion and dedication.

It all began in 1955, when Peter became manager of a co-op department store. Since then, his leadership in the co-op sector has been diverse and extensive.

Peter has been involved with The Co-operators' Board of Directors since 1989 and, this year, stepped down as Chair after seven years. He has also served on the Board Council of Nationwide Insurance Mutual, has been Director and CEO of Credit Union Central of British Columbia, and has taken part in the World Council of Credit Unions' delegations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Peter also led the merger between British Columbia's Delta Credit Union—of which he was President and CEO for 15 years—and First Heritage Savings Credit Union to form Envision Credit Union.

Peter has received many awards for his dedication to co-operative and community development. After retiring as CEO of Envision, he was named President Emeritus of the board. To underscore his lifetime involvement within the co-op sector, he was inducted into the Credit Union Hall of Fame in 1999. An Honourary Doctor of Laws degree from BC's Kwantlen University College was bestowed on him for his community work and commitment to education. And, in 2003, Peter received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for exemplary service to his community and to Canada.

Nominated by The Co-operators Group

GLOBAL CO-OPERATOR AWARD

Barry Gosnell



Barry Gosnell's long history with Canada's co-op movement began when he joined the Westoba Credit Union in 1962 while working at the Louise Co-op Food Store. He left his job at the co-op the next year to become a career farmer, but served on the board of the retail co-op for the next 23 years.

As a farmer, Barry was a member of the Manitoba Pool Elevators and was elected to the board of Federated Co-operatives Limited in 1997. He served on the advisory committee to the Manitoba Co-op Chair at the University of Manitoba, and on the board. He is currently the chair of the Manitoba Cooperative Association.

Two years later he was appointed to the International Program Committee of the Canadian Co-operative Association, a committee he chaired through years of significant growth from 2002 until his retirement last year.

Barry vigorously promoted CCA and its fundraising arm—the Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada—and has initiated many fundraising efforts. Barry was the first person to set up “director giving” at his retail co-op.

The co-op system relies on the volunteer contributions of members. Barry's years of volunteer service to the co-op movement speak to his commitment to co-operation and the values that define co-operatives throughout the world. Barry is always eager to promote co-ops and the work of the Manitoba Cooperative Association and the Canadian Co-operative Association locally and internationally.

Nominated by the Manitoba Cooperative Association