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# **DIVERSE OPINIONS ON THE BOARD BUILD STRONGER CO-OPS**

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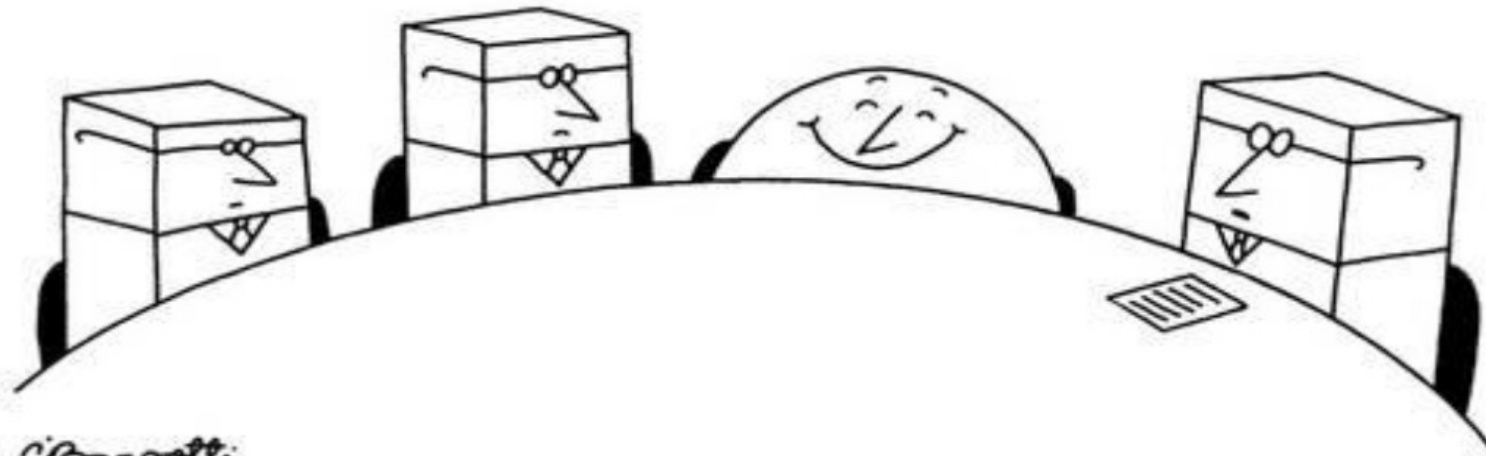
*When I want your opinion, I will give it to you. —Anonymous*





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*C. Savetti*

*“Thank you. We’re all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view. Now, we have many serious matters to discuss today, so I suggest we stick with our agreed-upon agenda.”*



# INTRODUCTIONS



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- CLN CEO, **Janet Reiser**. Who is CLN?
- Moderator
  - **Susan Reeves**, Director, Vice Chair, Chugach Electric Assn., Anchorage, AK and Director, CLN
- Presenters
  - **Seandra Pope**, Founder & CEO of Rooted Consulting Group, Inc.
  - **Ric Evans**, Director, Great Lakes Energy, MI and CLN Board Chair
  - **Liz McIntyre**, Director, Mountain Parks Electric, CO and CLN



# THE PREMISE



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- Diverse opinions help a board
  - Identify and evaluate opportunities and risks
  - Make strategic decisions for the co-op
  - Work for the benefit of its members, following cooperative principles
- Effective use of diverse options requires collaboration and trust



# PANEL DISCUSSION



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- How does your board/co-op benefit from diverse opinions on the board ?
- How do board members express/respond to minority opinions?
- Have minority opinions changed your board's decision on an issue?
- Do your board policies govern discussion and decision making?
- How hard should a board work to achieve consensus?





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**QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?**

**MINORITY OPINIONS?**





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*“Every now and then, I find myself in a room  
filled with people who are wrong.”*



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