

2002 AGM RESOLUTIONS
SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN AND DIRECTIONS PROPOSED

1. CHF Canada Directors' Terms of Office

This resolution, which proposed to limit the number of terms that a CHF Canada Director could serve, was defeated.

2. Review of the Structure of the Board of Directors

This resolution called on CHF Canada to undertake a review of the current structure of the Board of Directors, in consultation with CHF Canada members.

At the AGM, members noted that a Governance Review Task Force would be created to lead the proposed review. A call for expressions of interest in serving on the Governance Review Task Force was sent to CHF Canada members in July 2002. At its September meeting, the Board appointed members of the Task Force.

The Task Force has had several meetings. In March, it published and distributed a Discussion Paper. The process of consulting members on governance issues will continue until the end of the summer, and then the Task Force will report to the Board and members.

The Task Force will report to members at this year's AGM. It will conduct a governance workshop, and facilitate a discussion among all AGM participants on Saturday, June 7.

If the Task Force recommends any changes to CHF Canada's governance, these would be discussed at the 2004 AGM in Quebec City.

Approximately \$10,000 will be used for the Task Force's activities during 2003. Most of this money will be used for communications with members (e.g. Discussion Paper, reports).

3. Changes to the Annual Meeting Resolutions Process

At the 2002 AGM, delegates agreed to a new resolutions process that allows members to submit resolutions for the AGM later than in the past (up to 90 days before the anniversary of the last annual meeting). Resolutions are now distributed to members 45 days before the annual meeting. As a result, CHF Canada members have a shorter period than in the past to review and discuss AGM resolutions.

Other matters concerning the treatment of resolutions, including late resolutions, were referred to the Governance Review Task Force, so that more consultations could take place with members. If the Task Force recommends any further changes to our resolutions process, these would be considered at the 2004 AGM in Quebec City.

4. Amendment of Shared-Revenue Program

This resolution amended CHF Canada's Shared-Revenue Program to permit a branch office of a regional federation to participate in the Shared-Revenue Program as if it were a separate federation. The policy change was prompted by the merger of CHFBC and VICHA. It ensured that the shared revenue that would previously have gone to VICHA would still be available for co-ops on Vancouver Island.

The amended policy was used in distributing shared revenue beginning January 1, 2002.

5. Affordable Housing for Canadians

This resolution called on CHF Canada to encourage the federal government to enter into further affordable housing agreements with the provinces, to press governments to ensure that there are no barriers to the development of new housing co-ops under those agreements, and to call on the federal government to put a fully funded national housing strategy in place.

CHF Canada has continued to lobby federal and provincial governments to create programs that permit the development of affordable housing, including co-operative housing. Although we have been very disappointed with the results of most of the federal/provincial affordable housing agreements that have been signed, we may get the chance to influence the spending of the \$320 million in new housing money that was announced in the 2003 Federal Budget. This new funding was intended to top up the existing federal/provincial program, and the federal government has shown some willingness to discuss how the money is to be targeted. We plan to meet with government representatives to discuss this issue, and to make our case for new, non-profit co-op housing.

CHF Canada's government relations work on affordable housing is supported through the services of two senior consultants under the direction of CHF Canada management staff. CHF Canada's 2003 budget includes \$75,000 for government relations work, not including senior staff time or overhead.

6. Seniors and Housing Co-ops

This resolution called on CHF Canada to encourage member housing co-operatives to adopt a Statement of Principle respecting seniors and housing co-operatives. It also asked CHF Canada to conduct research into government rules on overhousing.

Follow-up to this resolution will include strong promotion among member co-ops, including circulation of a poster, a draft resolution and a certificate for co-ops that have adopted the Statement of Principle. This work, and research into overhousing, are priorities for CHF Canada's work in 2003.

CHF Canada's support for senior issues in housing co-ops is provided through our diversity action program. In 2003, CHF Canada has budgeted \$13,500 for Diversity Action. Two staff work with the committee.

7. Progressive Employment Practices

This resolution asked that CHF Canada advocate a new international co-operative principle that "Co-operatives treat their employees fairly and value their contribution to the co-operative movement," and that CHF Canada seek support from our Canadian co-operative movement partners to pursue this change.

After the 2002 AGM, we wrote to the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA). We underlined our members' support for this new principle, and we sent a copy of our letter to the International Co-operative Alliance. Further action will be taken when the ICA undertakes a process to amend the International Co-operative Principles. At the moment, the ICA has no plans to do so.

If their agenda permits, we will present a resolution on this subject at the CCA's 2003 AGM in June. If not, we will bring this forward at the CCA's 2004 AGM.

A small amount of staff time has been devoted to moving forward on this proposed new principle.

8. Infill Co-operative Housing

This resolution called on CHF Canada to encourage member housing co-operatives to add new units to their properties. We are preparing information for members on how to go about infill development.

The promotion of infill housing among our members will continue to be a focus of CHF Canada's work in advising our members on opportunities for new development.

A development consultant carries out CHF Canada's work in support of infill development.

9. International Co-operative Alliance's RIO COOP 2002 Declaration

This resolution called on CHF Canada to endorse the ICA's RIO COOP 2000 declaration concerning peace, solidarity, equity, justice, equality, environmental protection and sustainable development, and to promote it, where possible, in our education and government relations programs.

CHF Canada wrote to the ICA noting our members' support for RIO COOP 2000. More will be done in the other areas when opportunities arise.

LATE RESOLUTIONS

L1. Leaky Co-ops

This resolution asked CHF Canada to continue lobbying the Government of Canada and the Minister Responsible for CMHC to help co-ops suffering from premature building envelope failure. It also set the terms acceptable to co-operatives for this help. The resolution called on CHF Canada to maintain current staff support devoted to the leaky co-op problem, and to match the cash contributions to a lobby fund from CHF BC and B.C. housing co-operatives, to a maximum of \$130,000.

As soon as delegates passed the resolution, CHF Canada faxed letters to the Hon. John Manley, then Minister Responsible for CMHC, and to CMHC's president. We wrote to members outside B.C., asking them for contributions to the lobby fund and set aside funds from CHF Canada for this purpose. Co-ops were also featured on the front page of CHF Canada's July *Newsbriefs*.

Staff continue to give advice and technical help to leaky co-ops. One full-time member of CHF Canada's staff, backed by consulting and senior staff support, is working with co-ops to help them find technical and financial solutions. With CHF BC, we have hired a person to mount a political campaign in British Columbia. We continue to lobby CMHC and the federal minister for better workout conditions, and for a faster response from CMHC to the leaky co-op problem.

The Board once again set the leaky co-op crisis as CHF Canada's top priority for 2003.

Two senior members of staff manage CHF Canada's work on leaky co-ops. One staff member works full-time with the co-ops, supported by consultant time. CHF Canada shares the cost of a campaign co-ordinator with CHF BC, which directs the co-ordinator's work program.