

*CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR STUDIES IN CO-OPERATION/
L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE POUR LES ETUDES SUR LA COOPERATION*

CONSTITUTION

(As revised May, 2005)

1. Name

1.1 The Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation/ L'Association Canadienne pour les Études sur la Cooperation

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of the Association is to:

- Promote the sharing of information, experiences, curricula, and research on co-operatives and co-operation;
- Help in identifying and developing studies and research needed;
- Promote co-operative studies; and
- Provide training and mentoring of post-secondary students.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Regular membership will be open to college and university faculty, researchers and other persons and organizations interested in the development of theory research and post-secondary education on co-operatives and co-operative;

3.2 Student membership will be open to full-time students registered in a post-secondary institution.

3.3 The Association may, by a resolution passed at the general meeting, confer an honorary membership to a person distinguishing him/herself in furthering studies and research on co-operatives.

4. ORGANIZATION

4.1 Normally, annual meetings will be held in conjunction with yearly meetings of The Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences/La Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines.

5. OFFICERS

5.1. President, Vice-President, and an Executive Member will be the officers of the Association.

5.2. They will be elected and installed at the annual meeting.

5.3. All officers will be eligible for reelection.

5.4. The past president shall also occupy a position on the Executive.

5.5. If desired by members, regional sections may be set up to facilitate activities of the Association. Chairpersons of regional sections will be additional board members of the national association.

5.6. The Executive will also appoint a Program Chairman for the meeting to be held in the next year. The Program Chairman will report to the Board.

6. BOARD

- 6.1. The Executive shall be composed of three people - a president, a vice-president and an executive member.
- 6.2. These positions will be elected annually.
- 6.3. The executive will appoint a secretary-treasurer who will manage the affairs of the organization between meetings.
- 6.4. The past president shall also occupy a place on the Board.

7. ACTIVITIES

- 7.1. The Association will organize symposia, meetings, discussion groups, projects, and other activities on a regional and national basis.
- 7.2. Where appropriate, it will work in conjunction with existing educational institutions.
- 7.3. The Association will develop liaison with similar organizations such as CIRIEC (Centre interuniversitaire de recherche, d'information, et d'enseignement sur les coopdratives) in Canada, and similar associations and co-operative institutes and centres at universities in other countries.
- 7.4. Individual members may be authorized by the President to cultivate relations with one or more of such institutions on behalf of the Association.

8. FINANCES

- 8.1. The expenses of the Association will be covered by: a) membership dues as set at annual meetings b) gifts, grants, and donations c) proceeds from its activities
- 8.2. The membership and fiscal year will run from 1 May to 30 April of the following year.

9. AMENDMENTS

- 9.1. The constitution can be amended by a majority mail vote.
- 9.2. Wording of the proposed amendment must be given to the Secretary-Treasurer before March 1st in the year in which it is to be voted on, and be mailed out with the regular ballots for officers.
- 9.3. Amendments can be proposed by the Board of the Association or by 10 percent of the members of the Association.