



*THINK OUTSIDE THE BOSS.*

*The Pittsburgh Chamber of Cooperatives is the hands-on resource for worker-owned and member-owned businesses in southwestern Pennsylvania.*

The **mission of the PCOC** is to help grow a cooperative business infrastructure – an eco-system for worker-owned and member-owned businesses to thrive – in the Pittsburgh area. We work with Pittsburgh’s cooperatives, inclusive initiatives, businesses in most industries, and individuals.

The PCOC **raises awareness** of cooperative business culture, **facilitates** the formation of new cooperatives, **assists in the conversion** of existing businesses to cooperatives, provides **guidance** on cooperative governance, **builds community loyalty** to cooperatives, and brings **visibility** to the triple bottom line advantage of cooperative businesses in the region.

Cooperatives are for people with any level of background, skill set, or financial means. Combining forces to form worker-owned businesses or member-owned purchasing cooperatives is a way for anyone to increase visibility and scale – and therefore opportunity – to **better compete for business in today’s climate** and especially in many of the new development initiatives in the region’s communities.

**Our services** are:

- Informational networking events,
- Hands-on workshops and startup assistance,
- Advocacy to remove barriers to cooperative opportunity, and
- Business coaching tailored to cooperative businesses.

**The benefits of cooperatives** are many. Here are some: **1)** cooperatives are owned by members, so they build wealth **2)** they’re locally focused, so cooperatives make communities more resilient **3)** cooperatives work on the triple bottom line principle: for people, planet, and profit **4)** members of cooperatives share the burden in hard times and the benefits in good times **5)** and cooperatives are run democratically. Now *that’s American business!*

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## Join the Pittsburgh Chamber of Cooperatives!

**Solidarity Member** – I'm interested in the purpose and mission of the PCOC and can offer some of my time and effort to the PCOC for:

- Helping to organize events, outreach to the community, or recruiting members
- Offering my expertise to advance cooperative business in the Pittsburgh region,
- Knowing there's a movement for cooperative business here, and getting
- Timely news about PCOC events and offers

**Enterprise Member** – I'm interested in the purpose and mission of the Association and can offer some of my time and effort to the PCOC for:

- Helping to organize events, outreach to the community, or recruiting members
- Offering my expertise to advance cooperative business in the Pittsburgh region, getting
- Timely news about PCOC events and offers
- And getting PCOC swag!

*As an Enterprise Member, I will also benefit from the advocacy for cooperatives that the PCOC does, as well as shared marketing and other services benefiting the region's cooperatives as they are developed.*

**Name**

**Organization**

**Address**

**City, State, ZIP**

**www...**

**Email**



**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:**  **Solidarity: \$25 / year**  **Enterprise: \$100 / year**

*Membership helps support operations and resources for you and your fellow members. Have something to suggest?*

Amount paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit to: Pittsburgh Chamber of Cooperatives  
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**Thank you!**

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