



Co-op Board Statement: David Burr

When I moved to Silver City 2 years ago, I actively solicited volunteer activities at the Silver City Food Co-op. I was asked to receive training for food handling, and then was assigned to bulk re-packs. I did this 3 hrs/week for more than a year, until a re-organization of operations brought on by the hiring of a new General Manager made my participation unnecessary. This experience gave me a good understanding of the people who work at the Co-op, the people who shop at the Co-op, and the Co-op's organizational structure.

I would like to continue my volunteer activities for the Co-op as a member of the Board. I believe that I have the background and skills in Board activities to make me an asset. I have served on the Boards for the Association of Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Neurobiology Chairpersons (1997; 2001-2002), the American Association of Anatomists (1998-2001; 2004-2011), and the Orthopaedic Research Society (2003-2011). When I became the President of each of these Societies, I also served as the President of their Boards of Directors. In addition, I served for four years on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Associated Societies of Experimental Biology (FASEB, 2014-2018), which is the largest advocacy group in the U.S. for science, scientific research funding and science education, with more than 30 separate societies and >100,000 members.

I believe that my Board service qualifies me to be an informed and engaged member of the Silver City Food Co-op Board of Directors. I have had Board training and experience from my past Board service and understand the responsibilities of a Board member. Additionally, in November, I was appointed by the Co-op Board of Directors to fill a vacancy on the Board through the end of December. This "hands-on" Co-op Board experience prior to the election will give me insight into the specific issues and functions of the Board so that if I am elected to a full term, the learning curve should be short.

The next several years will be critical for the Co-op as plans continue to move to a larger facility and a more complex organization. I look forward to bringing my experience to the Board of the Silver City Food Co-op to help with that important transition.