

Committee Secretary
Board Report
April 12, 2010

I received a list from Marilou (the membership secretary) of all the committees and their participants and emailed the committees at their respective @karmacoop.org email address.

I tried to verify the participants of each of the committees, and to see if any of them were defunct.

Emails went out to the following committees:

Finance
Food Issues
Orientation
Building (which right now is two committees Building Maintenance & Physical Planning and Physical Planning Committee)
Outreach
Events
Web

Almost all of the committees responded to the email and submitted changes to what we had recorded as the participants in those committees. The committees that were not responsive were the outreach and events committees (which were recently combined into the community development committee). Howard and Hilary gave me the contact information for the member who was at the February forum who was from that committee and I am following up on that. As of this writing, she has not returned my message.

I have asked Marilou to combine the Building Maintenance & Physical Planning Committee and the Physical Planning Committee into the Building Committee.

Clarification Questions?

Next Steps

According to Marilou's records, the Governance Review committee is still in existence. In the past, Howard has noted that the Governance Review committee is defunct as all of the members have resigned this committee. I recommend that the board formerly pass a motion to dissolve the committee.

I recommend that, while there are still issues of governance that the board should take under consideration, the Governance Review committee as it has been known has basically dissolved itself and the new board should take on reviewing governance issues.

Moved, to dissolve the Governance Committee of Karma Co-operative, effective immediately.

In the next two months, I will be conducting meetings with the committees to see what their structures are like. I intend to bring up the following items to the committees:

- Streamlined communication
- Reports to the board
- Finding new members
- Board liasons
- Budgets

My intention is to bring a menu of ways that committees can have more involvement with the board, and vice versa. My assumption is that the committees function in different ways, and each committee will have different needs. I want accountability to be able to flow from both avenues, and for each of the committees to be able to have standardized way in interacting with us. I welcome input from any of the members of the board as this will be an ongoing project for months to come.