

**Proposed Amendment to Article I. Section C (Membership)
of the Sevananda Cooperative Bylaws**

(concerning member-owner ability to make decisions the Board adheres to)

PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN MEMBER-OWNERS' DEMOCRATIC CONTROL

Add to Article I. C. (after the current #3)

Member-Owners decide major issues through decision making process as outlined in these bylaws.

Decisions of member rights, elections, product policy, store expansions, franchises and other partnerships by Sevananda Cooperative must be brought before the membership for decisions which are binding on the board and operations.

Why propose this amendment?

The current board of directors does not recognize Cooperative Principle 2, Democratic Control. The Board will not recognize member input and consensus at meetings as binding upon them. Sevananda Member-Owners, as shareholders, must have the authority to make decisions that are binding on the board and operations.

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