

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**<u>Title</u>**: Three Columbia REA Board Directors Obtain Cooperative Director Credentials

Columbia REA congratulates three of our Board members who have recently achieved certification as Credentialed Cooperative Directors (CCD). These directors are: Dennis Munden, Marc Armstrong and Eric Johnson. All nine members of the Board are now Certified Cooperative Directors!

Board Directors obtain the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) status by completing five courses and passing a learning assessment. The curriculum focuses on cooperative director competencies needed to survive and thrive in the 21st century. The courses covered included; Director Duties and Liabilities, Board Rules and Relationships, Financial Decision Making, Understanding the Electric Business and Strategic Planning.

Any cooperative director who completes this certification shows they have prepared themselves to better fulfill their role by obtaining training and education that is needed to do an exceptional job for our members and employees.

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