



Co-operative Society (Victoria) Limited
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Dear member

Through no fault of their own, the ConFest Committee has been unable to hold an Autumn ConFest this year, and as such has been unable to create sufficient opportunity for members to be able to comply with the active membership requirements.

At the most recent General Meeting a series of resolutions were passed that, based upon legal advice from DTE solicitors, are in contravention of DTE rules and/or state regulations (Cooperatives National Law).

The subject of this correspondence is limited to the following resolution:

Motion: That the board automatically accepts that all current members who have been active for 2 or more years, and notify the board in writing that they wish to continue to be involved and they have attempted and been available to satisfy the requirements along with a brief description of their involvement, remain as active members.

The Board has been advised by its solicitors that this specific GM resolution would be against DTE rules and therefore cannot be implemented as is. However, the Board of Directors does have discretion with regard to active membership status and today resolved the following:

Motion “that subject to DTE rule 5 clause 5(f) and in response to Board correspondence from an active member reporting a membership irregularity relating to COVID-19 pandemic disrupting the primary activity of the cooperative, the Board hereby determines that all currently active members are deemed to have fulfilled the active membership provisions for financial year ending 30 June 2020 and that such determination be immediately communicated to all active members.”

This means that all currently active members will continue to have active membership status up until 30 June 2021 and as provided by DTE rules will have until 31 August 2021 to submit an activity statement to the Board for their volunteer contribution for this financial year.

Kind Regards,
DTE Board of Directors