

Local Demand Team Survey results and comments on:

### **Transportation Cooperative Board Composition**

Survey Results compiled to date (10/06/09): (Comments submitted during survey not included).

- 12-15 members with some from each state and seats for providers, riders, agencies, at large, and 1 spot for YBP ongoing.
- No one group with a significant majority of representation.
- Open elections with no restrictions for categories one could vote for. (i.e. a supplier could vote for an agency rep, an vice versa)
- No consensus on %'s required for action items to pass the board as approved.

Comments from the team during 10/06/09 conference call (no additional changes made):

- Good first step to start the process and thinking about the board makeup and its implications.
- Needs to be a serious discussion as a team and then the group as a whole.
- Should definitely be an odd number of members for a tie breaker.
- YBP needs to define its role to see if it needs an ongoing spot on the board. Will they have an active member, ex-officio who only votes in a tie, or act as an advisor?
- Does YBP want to give the control to an independent Transportation Coop Board?
- Is this an organizing vs. operational Board? This will determine what the makeup should be.
- If organizational board, there should be a deadline for change to an operational board.
- After creating the Board, creation of the Bylaws by the Board of Directors will take time. These should include terms, term limits, etc.
- There should be flexibility so that the group can run the cooperative.
- Limit general membership topics to one to two items a year.
- At- Large members: The board should have the ability to change as needed the number and topic the cover.
- Need to be ACTIVE members.
- Simply majority to vote off the board an inactive member after so many missed attendances.
- What is a quorum number? Majority plus one? 60%? What does Roberts Rules say?
- Decisions about Executive Board membership can also determine how many members there needs to be on the Board. Officers list: Pres, VP, Sec/Treasurer. Or split positions of documenting Secretary, Financial Secretary for writing checks, and separate Treasurer with auditing oversight.
- Location of the banking will determine where the treasurer should be located.
- With this large a geographical area, Board meetings should be held with some in-person meetings, and some as call-in with webinar format for sharing of documents if needed. Also the ability for a member to call in if needed for a quorum and/or vote.