



STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE. EMPOWERING DIRECTORS.

About the Directors' Forum Co-operative

For over 42 years, the **Directors' Forum Co-operative** (DFC) has supported **board directors across Canada** in strengthening their governance knowledge, leadership capacity, and decision-making.

We bring together directors from credit unions and caisses populaires to **learn, share experiences, and build stronger organizations** through effective governance.

The DFC fosters a **collaborative environment** where directors connect as peers—sharing insights, challenges, and best practices in a trusted setting.



Our Purpose

Our **mission** is to promote and support the unique role of directors through education, professional development, and networking opportunities. Our **vision** is to be a national leader in advancing co-operative governance excellence—by directors, for directors.

Why it Matters

Today's directors face **increasing complexity**:

- Evolving regulatory environments
- Rapid technological change (including AI, Cybersecurity, privacy and risks)
- Heightened expectations for accountability and performance

Through continuous learning and peer connection, we **help directors navigate these challenges with confidence and insight.**

Why Choose the DFC

Year after year, directors come back to:

- Learn through **peer-to-peer exchange**
- Gain **practical governance insights** from experienced leaders
- Connect with a **national network** of directors across sectors
- Engage in a co-operative model built on **shared value and collaboration**
- Access **flexible programming**, both virtual and in-person

A community for directors, by directors.

What We Offer

Annual Directors' Forum Conference: A flagship hybrid event bringing directors from across Canada together to explore emerging governance issues, share best practices, and hear from expert speakers.

Virtual Governance Series: Interactive online sessions throughout the year focused on timely governance topics, offering practical insights and continuing education opportunities.

Leadership Sessions for Board Chairs & Vice-Chairs: Targeted sessions designed to support directors in leadership roles with peer exchange and role-specific learning.

Bursaries & Recognition:

- Bursaries supporting young and emerging directors
- Commitment to the next generation of governance leaders
- Recognition of long-serving directors



The Impact

- **Stronger governance practices** supporting informed decision-making
- **Increased confidence** in board leadership
- **Broader perspectives** through cross-sector learning
- **Meaningful professional connections** and peer support



A True Co-operative Approach

The DFC is governed by a **volunteer board** elected by its members, ensuring that programming and priorities reflect the **real needs of directors**.

Membership is **accessible and inclusive**—designed to encourage participation and **strengthen the governance community** across Canada.

Get Involved!

- Become a lifetime Member for only \$2
- Participate in a FREE virtual session
- Attend the Annual Fall Conference
- Subscribe to updates and stay connected



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Empowering leaders to grow, adapt, and lead with confidence in an increasingly complex governance landscape.

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