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I have served as President of the MNFC board since July 2021. Since 2016, I have also served as Vice President, Board Development Chair, and as a member of the Search Committee as we hired our new General Manager. In these leadership roles, I have worked closely with the GM – first Glenn Lower and now Greg Prescott – and I have brought a unique

perspective because of my background in collaborative leadership, agriculture, and education.

I am running for another term because I hope to remain as President to support our new GM and our Co-op through this important transition. I have spent the last several months working with the board, Glenn, and Greg to think strategically about this historic moment. Furthermore, I am eager to support our board's JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) Committee, and participate in the comprehensive audit of the board's work that we are undertaking through a JEDI lense.

Outside of the Co-op board, I am a mom of three. I have an M.Ed. and I was Co-Director at Bridge School for five years. I bring an empathetic perspective to the Co-op board because at Bridge School I was an employee governed by a board. I have been an MNFC member-owner since I came to Middlebury College in 2008. Both my husband, David Dolginow, co-founder of Shacksbury Cider, and I have worked on local vegetable farms and apple orchards.

We are all familiar with the refrain "voting with your dollars." I choose to spend my money at the Co-op because I believe in this slogan. I choose to be a member of the Board because I similarly believe in the concept of "voting with your time." Being a member of the board allows me to "spend" my time committing to democracy. Wendell Berry writes: "No matter how much one may love the world as a whole, one can live fully in it only by living responsibly in some small part of it." Participating in the democratic leadership of a cooperatively owned, local business allows me to practice living responsibly in my small part of the world.