

Member Participation in Retail SocietiesA FOREWORD

We invited a variety of contributors to report their experience of Member Participation in Retail Societies, their views on the case for it and the conditions and methods for making the most (or best) of it. We are grateful for all the respondents: Dr. R. Houlton, Chief Education Officer of the Co-operative Union; David Hutton, formerly a Director of London Society and now a London Regional representative on the C.R.S. Board; R.A. Lee, S. Stott and S. J. Wallace, Chief Executive Officers of C.R.S., Leeds and Oxford and Swindon societies and Stephen Lawrence, an informed and sympathetic, if more detached, student of the Movement.

There was a prospect until the last moment of an article from local professional experience in member relations but then it vanished too late for it to be replaced on this occasion. However, it may well appear in a later Bulletin - as will, no doubt, the preoccupation and problem of Member participation.

A Note on the Author is included after each article.

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