

Elections for the East Regional Committee

FOUR MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS

The following members of the East Regional Committee are due to retire by rotation in April 2019. They were nominated at the OGM 2018 and are eligible for re-election:

Full Name	Andrew Clark Hutchison
Length of Society Membership	9 years
Length of service on the Regional Committee	3 years



I am proud and fortunate to have been a member of the Society's East of Scotland for the past 3 years. During my tenure on the Committee I have visited numerous Scotmid and Semi-Chem stores thereby seeing what a great job staff do in ensuring the Society serves its communities. I have a strong belief that successful businesses need to have mutually beneficial relationships with staff, customers, members as well as their local communities.

In addition, I have been part of the sub-committee assessing various charities for the East of Scotland's community connect initiative. This has highlighted that there are numerous well-deserving charities and what an important role the Society can play in assisting them.

I have a broad range of skills covering finance, sales & business development, fund raising as well as significant knowledge covering the food, drink and leisure sectors. I currently have consultancy business that assists property related companies with their fund raising and I am also in the process of building a gin distillery in Galloway.

Prior to this, I spent the majority of my career in banking - the last 14 years with Lloyds Bank where I led a team with responsibility for the Bank's largest clients and was the lead on the food & drink sector. In my last two years, I led a team that raised the most amount for the Bank's charity of the year.

I am a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland and a British Chamber of Commerce qualified business mentor for SMEs.

Full Name **Jim Mackenzie**

Length of Society Membership **25 years**

Length of service on the Regional Committee **11 years**



Along with my colleagues on the East Regional Committee, we have worked in unison to maintain, develop and enhance our co-operative Scot-mid. With increasing competition from private retailers, we have continued to evolve and provide a valued service to our customers.

Co-operation is about providing a business model that serves the customer, our members and employees, implementing progressive ideas and values.

Promote Fair-Trade assisting communities to work and provide for their families. Increasing our range of products including fair-trade goods, this should be encouraged and developed further.

Scot-mid provides a services to many communities in Scotland, we continue to develop our strategy to sustain and continue our success going forward.

I previously served on Scot-mid East Area Education Committee & East Area Regional Committee.

Presently serve on the Scottish Executive of the, Scottish Co-operative Party & Vice Chair of Edinburgh Branch, Co-operative Party.

I ask for your support to continue working to increase our member involvement, in our society and continue to defend our shared co-operative values.

Full Name **David Paterson**

Length of Society Membership **46 years**

Length of service on the Regional Committee **32 years**



Dear fellow Members,

I would like to ask for your support in this forthcoming election because of my desire to continue my service as a member of Scotmid Co-op Society's East Regional committee, and most importantly, to continue serving and representing you our members.

As a customer, member and previous employee, my connection with the society is very important to be involved in. As a customer my family only shopped at our Scotmid because of the dividend and the service it offered that is totally unique from any other retailer. I joined as an employee in 1973 in the Dry Goods department in Nicolson Street, working myself through and up to the position of store manager at Great Junction Street, Edinburgh until 2001.

On the democratic side of the Society, because of your support, I joined the East Regional Committee in 1987, enabling me to serve from 2001 on the Society's Board of Directors and its sub-committees that includes being elected by the Board as a trustee on our employee's pension scheme.

I proudly represent Scotmid as vice chair on the Co-operative Press Board and have been elected onto The Co-op Group, National Members Council. These two appointments enable me to get our Society's point of view across various co-operative platforms and importantly give me experience in the wider co-operative movement to represent you.

Please lend me your support, enabling me to represent you for the next three years on Scotmid's East Regional Committee.

Thank you, David Paterson

Full Name Edward Thorn

Length of Society Membership 10 years

Length of service on the Regional Committee 7 years



I have served on the Regional Committee for over 7 years and am keen to continue in this role. I am delighted to be associated with Scotmid and be part of a successful body with a long standing tradition built on solid co-operative principles and values. Scotmid is a well business operating from a solid foundation and it is a privilege also to be a Director.

Last year I was pleased to be appointed as Chair of the Society's Audit Committee.

My entire working life was spent with RBS and I retired as a Relationship Director responsible for a number of the Bank's major corporate customers. This exposed me to the strategy and workings of these large businesses. I am a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland.

I am treasurer of three community organisations. I also serve as Session Clerk at Blackhall St Columba's Church of Scotland and am a member of The Presbytery of Edinburgh Planning Strategy Team.

Last year I was appointed to be a Director of Co-operatives UK Limited, the apex body for the co-operative movement in the United Kingdom. This brings me into contact with directors of other co-operative societies across the United Kingdom.

I firmly believe that co-operatives have a vital role in modern society and it is crucial to protect and support those in place. I am an active member of the Co-operative Party and sit on the Scottish Executive.

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Following the alignment of the Board and Regional Committee terms of office, Eddie Thorn who was re-elected to serve on the Board at OGM 2016 will have his term of office shortened by 6 months and following nomination by the East Regional Committee will stand for election at AGM 2019.

Full Name	Eddie Thorn
Length of Society Membership	10 years
Length of service on the Board	7 years



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