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Colleagues recognize Cooperative Network VP who brings  
creativity to educating about cooperatives

MINNEAPOLIS, July 22, 2009 -- Amy Fredregill, vice president of the Cooperative Network based in St. Paul, Minnesota will receive the Outstanding Contribution to Cooperative Education and Training from the Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) at its Awards Ceremony at The Depot Minneapolis on July 29.

Fredregill manages Cooperative Network's education programs and activities in Minnesota. Cooperative Network is the two-state cooperative trade association for more than 600 Minnesota and Wisconsin cooperative businesses.

"Amy Fredregill's cooperative education work is integral to communicating the very positive cooperative message to the citizens of rural and urban Minnesota, and particularly to our youth since they will be the cooperative leaders of tomorrow," says Cooperative Network President & CEO Bill Oemichen

Among her long list of accomplishments is her recent coordination of the Minnesota Youth Leadership Conference. The two-day cooperative leadership conference for Minnesota high school students, grades 10-12, is designed to help students develop an appreciation of the cooperative business structure, and expand their leadership and problem solving abilities. More than 80 students attended at the third annual conference in March.

Oemichen adds that, "Amy Fredregill's management skills and creativity have made the Minnesota Youth Leadership Conference a valuable cooperative educational opportunity for Minnesota students."

Others receiving ACE awards at the association's annual institute are Minnesota pioneer Wedge Community Co-op; Tanya Gracie of the Canadian Co-operative Association, Ottawa; La Coop fédérée, the federation of agricultural cooperatives in Quebec, Canada; and David P. Swanson, chair of the Agribusiness, Rural Electric and Cooperatives Practice Group of global law firm Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Minneapolis. In addition, William J. Nelson, president of the CHS Foundation based in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, will be presented with the Reginald J. Cressman ACE Award recognizing commitment to staff development.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --- *Amy Fredregill*

*ACE is a membership organization that links educators, researchers, cooperative members, and cooperative developers across cooperative sectors and national borders to enhance cooperative development, strengthen cooperatives, promote professionalism and improve public understanding.*

*Registration and program information for the 2009 Institute in Minneapolis on July 28-31 is at [www.ace.coop](http://www.ace.coop) in French, English and Spanish.*

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