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Mead announces change in her ACE involvement

Executive Director Leslie Mead announced her resignation as the Executive Administrator of the Association of Cooperative educators, to take effect later this year. She assured ACE's board of directors that she intends to stay in the sphere of ACE as the president of The Cooperative Foundation, a major funder of ACE, and as a member.

Mead became a critical player in the operation of ACE starting in 1999. "She has always provided us with reliable, trustworthy and professional management," says ACE President Roger Herman. "Equally important, she has graced us with her commitment, caring, sense of humor, and especially in my case, her patience."

The board of directors has developed a Request for Proposal for executive administration of the association. It is the board's intent to place the association within a center known for cooperative education. The RFP is posted at www.ace.coop.

ACE is a membership organization that brings together educators and cooperators across cooperative sectors as well as national boundaries. The resulting cross pollination of ideas enhances cooperative development, strengthens cooperatives, promotes professionalism and improves public understanding. Most ACE members come from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico while membership from the rest of the world is growing. For additional information about ACE, go to www.ace.coop.