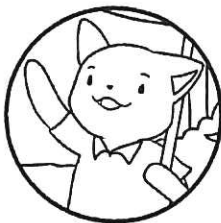


SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

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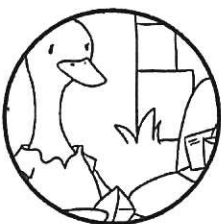
Open and
Voluntary
Membership

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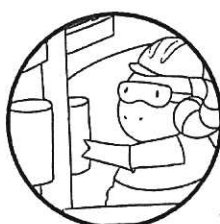
Democratic
Member
Control

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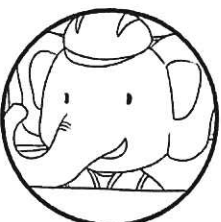
Members'
Economic
Participation

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Autonomy
and
Independence

5



Education,
Training and
Information

6



Cooperation
Among
Cooperatives

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Concern for
Community

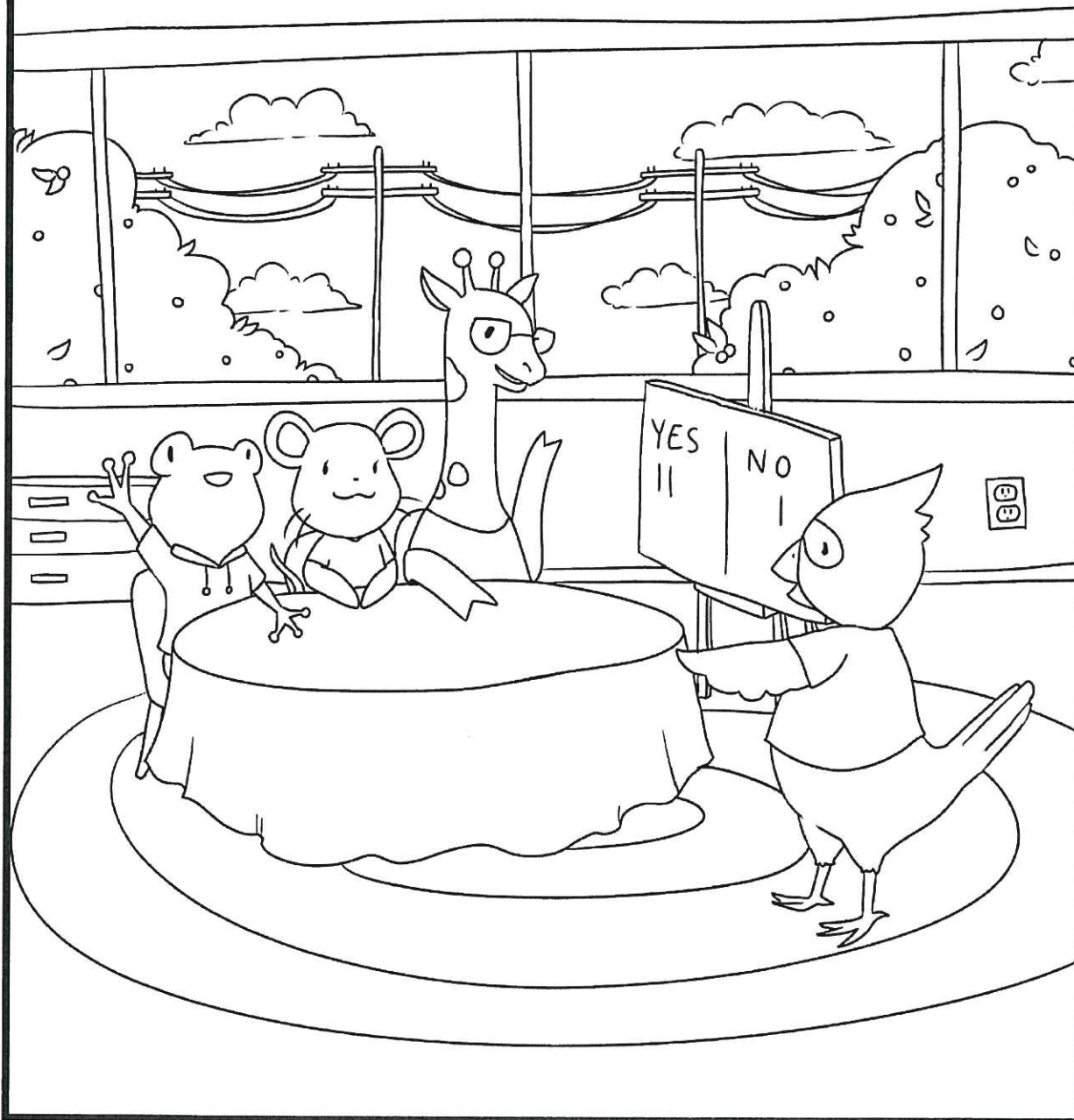
Did you know all co-ops use the same set of seven principles to guide their work?



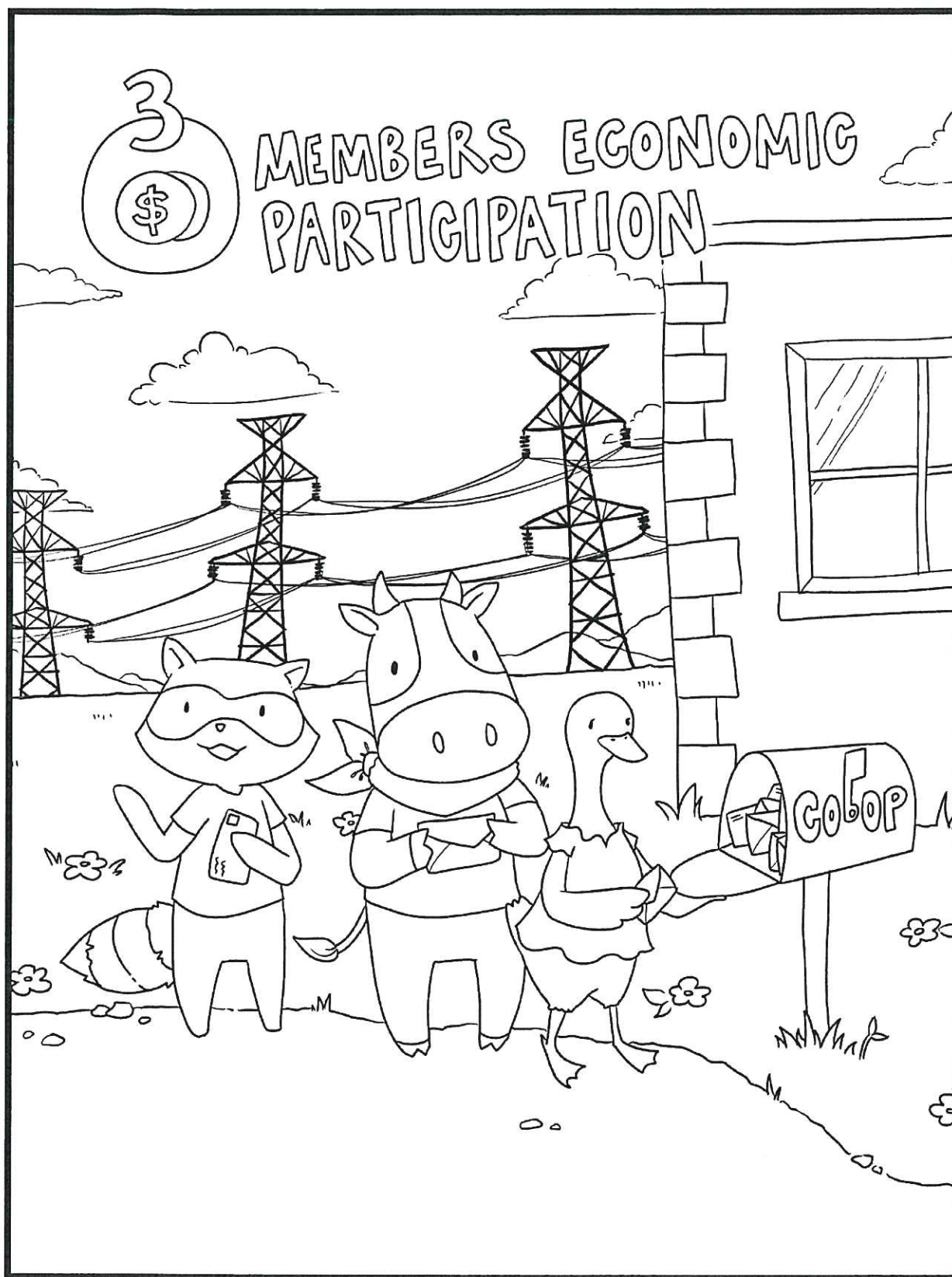
Co-op membership is open to everyone
who can use the co-op's services.



DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL



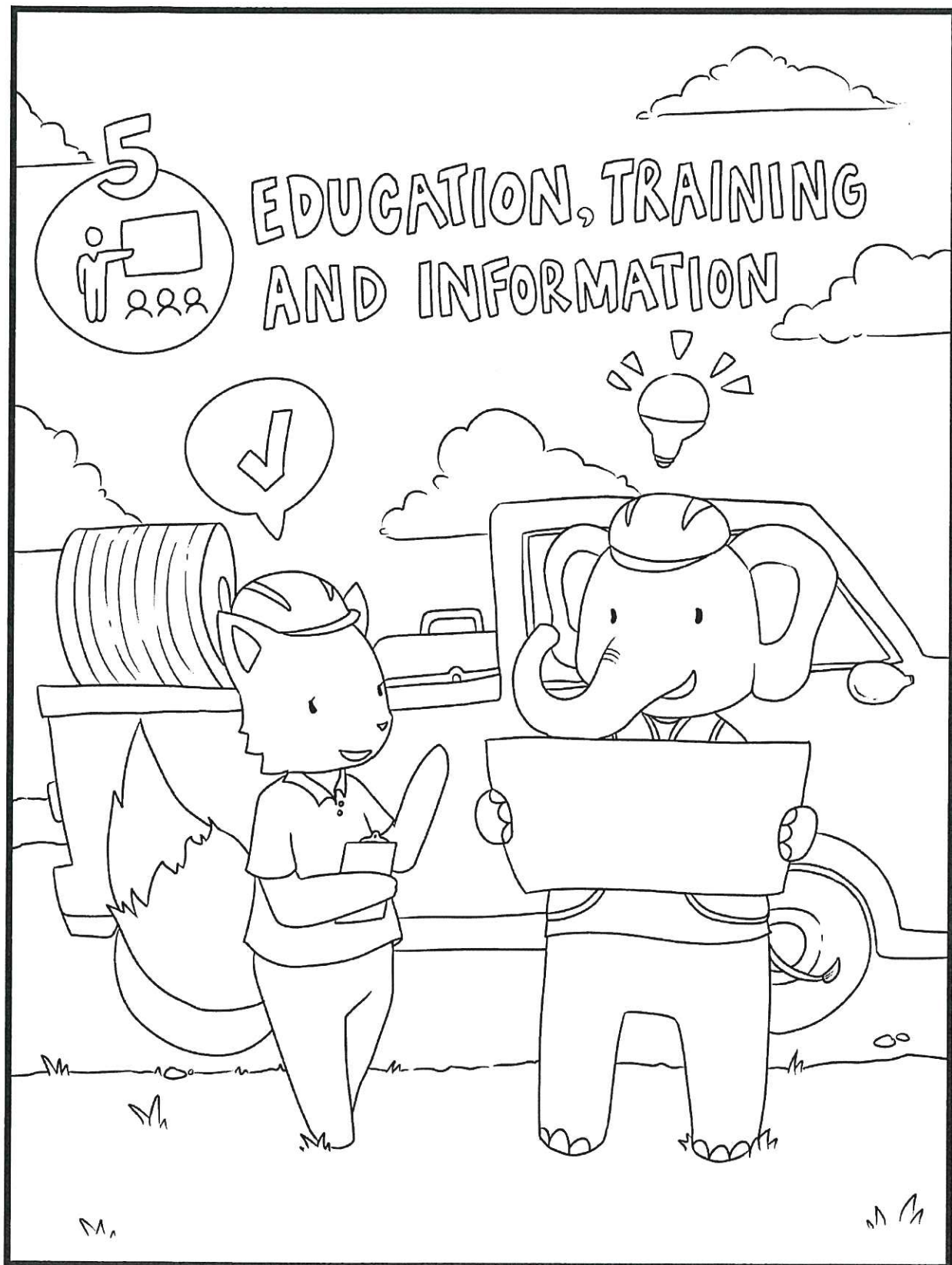
Members get to make decisions about the co-op. Why? Because co-ops are created *for the members, by the members!*



Members contribute money to the co-op to make sure the co-op runs smoothly now *and* in the future. At your electric co-op, this happens through paying your energy bills.



Members create co-ops to provide a service that is needed.
Co-ops are independent and can operate on their own,
which benefits the members.



Just like you, we're always learning! The co-op focuses on education to ensure that employees and members have the training and information they need to make the co-op successful.



Co-ops share and learn from other co-ops.
They help each other out when needed because
co-ops want other co-ops to be successful!



All co-ops work for the greater good of the local communities they serve. Co-ops give back to their communities to make sure they thrive and grow.