

Speaker Biographies



Dr. David Barton is Professor Emeritus, Agribusiness Management, in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University and of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. He served on the faculty of Kansas State University in a full-time position from August, 1976 through July, 2011, and now serves part-time. He continues to work on cooperative agribusiness management education programs through the ACCC. Dr. Barton is frequently called upon to design educational programs and make presentations on cooperative-related topics and to consult on agribusiness management topics.



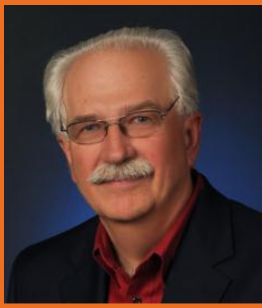
Dr. Michael Boland (Mike) began at the University of Minnesota in 2010 as the E. Fred Koller endowed chair-holder where he has teaching, research, and outreach responsibilities in agribusiness management cooperatives. Mike worked for 14 years at Kansas State University in the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. Mike serves as chair of the USDA International Agribusiness Task Force to look at ways to incorporate competitiveness and trade topics into agribusiness management curriculum at land grant universities. Mike's previous work experience includes a local farm supply cooperative, a regional cooperative, and a co-op state council.



Teresa H. (Teree) Castanias, CPA retired from KPMG where she was the National Director for Cooperative Tax Services. Teree was responsible for providing tax consulting and compliance services for businesses in food production, manufacture and distribution and enterprises in banking and related services. She continues consulting for cooperatives and others. Her work includes issues related to accounting for income taxes for cooperatives, working with management and boards on capital and bylaw issues, and working to change tax laws to include favorable provisions for cooperatives.



Daniel C. Mott is a shareholder in Fredrikson & Byron's corporate group and works with cooperatives across the country. Dan has over 25 years of experience advising clients on matters ranging from basic formation and contracts to complex reorganizations, mergers, acquisitions, and other transactional matters. Dan currently serves as the Chair of the Legal, Tax and Accounting Committee of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. Dan is a frequent speaker on structure and governance issues affecting cooperatives, including the use of new cooperative/LLC hybrid states in place in a number of states.



Dan Nutley has provided business consulting and auditing services for agribusiness and cooperatives since 1981. He has served a variety of food processing and agriculture-related businesses including agricultural cooperatives. Dan leads the Food Processing & Agriculture Group for the California Central Valley office. He is also a member of the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives and the Produce Marketing Association. Dan has also served as an expert witness in the Superior Court of California, U.S. Federal and Tax Court. He has over 20 years experience as a lecturer in accounting and auditing at the University of the Pacific and CSU Stanislaus.



Devon Brown is the Director of Leadership Development at FCCServices. He also provides consulting services to clients in leadership and team development, executive coaching, strategic talent management, change and transition, and strategic planning. Prior to FCCServices, Devon conducted research and taught communication and leadership development at several universities in the US and New Zealand. From 1992 to 2000, Devon was president of Bridging the Gap Consulting, with clients including: AT&T, Bank of America, Fresh Produce, and Monsanto. Devon holds a PhD and MA in Organizational Communication from the University of Colorado.

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