

501A.1005 Allocations and distributions — profits, losses, cash, or other assets.

1. *Allocation of profits and losses.* If nonpatron membership interests are authorized by the patrons, the bylaws shall prescribe the allocation of profits and losses between patron membership interests collectively and any other membership interests. If the bylaws do not otherwise provide, the profits and losses between patron membership interests collectively and other membership interests shall be allocated on the basis of the value of contributions to capital made by the patron membership interests collectively and other membership interests accepted by the cooperative. The allocation of profits to the patron membership interests collectively shall not be less than fifty percent of the total profits in any fiscal year, except if authorized in the cooperative's articles or bylaws that are adopted by an affirmative vote of the patron members, or in the articles or bylaws as amended by the affirmative vote of the patron members. However, the allocation of profits to the patron membership interests collectively shall not be less than fifteen percent of the total profits in any fiscal year.

2. *Distribution of cash or other assets.* A cooperative's bylaws shall prescribe the distribution of cash or other assets of the cooperative among the membership interests of the cooperative. If nonpatron membership interests are authorized by the patrons and the bylaws do not provide otherwise, distributions shall be made to the patron membership interests collectively and other members on the basis of the value of contributions to capital made and accepted by the cooperative, by the patron membership interests collectively, and other membership interests. The distributions to patron membership interests collectively shall not be less than fifty percent of the total distributions in any fiscal year, except if authorized in the articles or bylaws adopted by the affirmative vote of the patron members, or the articles or bylaws as amended by the affirmative vote of the patron members. However, the distributions to patron membership interests collectively shall not be less than fifteen percent of the total distributions in any fiscal year.

2005 Acts, ch 135, §77; 2006 Acts, ch 1030, §59