

Welcome to the first-ever Cog Log!

Finally. The first issue of our newsletter is out the door. We hope it will be a quick and easy way for you to keep up with the CoG. We're not yet sure whether this will be a monthly or biweekly endeavor—it all depends on how much is going on (a lot, we hope). If you have a friend who you think would enjoy reading about the CoG, please forward this.

Food Coop 500 grant application is in

Many of you joined the CoG keenly aware that we were trying to qualify for a \$10,000 matching grant from Food Coop 500 (www.foodcoop500.coop) by signing up 100 members before September 1st. We are very happy to report that we almost tripled that number—proof positive of the community's support.

Completing the application was a long and challenging process, but it helped focus our attention on some key development issues, and we're better for it. The grant will help us develop plans for the retail store phase of the CoG, which will occur 1-2 years after the online store is launched. Many thanks to Julia Carpenter for leading the charge and Melanie Hogan for her guidance. Grant recipients will be announced in October.

Weekly meetings begin to take shape

For the last two months, our weekly meetings have been free-flowing affairs. They generated poignant discussions and helped several people make the decision to join the CoG.

Now that we have almost 300 members, it's time to focus on the business of launching our online store in early 2007. Going forward, the majority of monthly meetings—while still being open to all members—will be dedicated to committee business (please see the next section for more information of our 5 new committees). We will continue to have monthly meetings for new and prospective members, featuring an open, question and answer format.

CoG Committees get more members involved

We have formed 5 committees to actively address issues vital to the development of the CoG: Products/Sustainability, Technology, Outreach, Fundraising, and Site Search.

If you're ready to join a committee right now, or just want to learn more, visit the Committee page on our website and select the issue you're interested in. You'll be able to access current discussions, ask questions, and share your own ideas with committee members.

Member Update

275 members since
August 2nd, 2006

Stay In Touch

email us:

info@berkeleycog.org

on the internet:

www.berkeleycog.org

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berkeleycog.blogspot.com

Meetings

Sunday 9/17 @ 1 PM

1165 Arch Street, Berkeley

Fundraising, Outreach*

Sunday 9/24 @ 1 PM

1933 Yolo Ave, Berkeley

New & Prospective Members

Sunday 10/1 @ 9:30 AM

1165 Arch Street, Berkeley

Technology*

*You are welcome to attend whether or not you're on the committee. Dates/times are subject to change. Check the CoG home page for an up-to-date calendar.

CoG Steering Committee:

Julia Carpenter

Elisa Edwards

Martin Edwards

Michael Weiler