



# **Growing Membership by Meeting the Changing needs of Members**

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### Executive Summary (1/2)

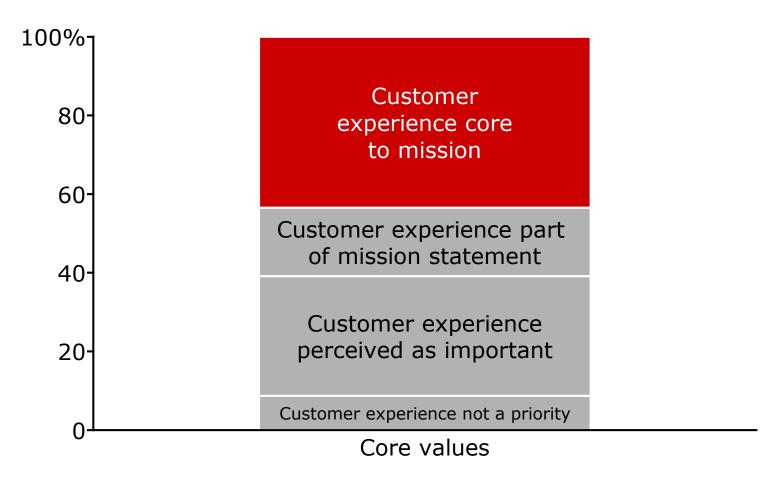
- Cooperatives are in a unique position to be leaders in member advocacy and loyalty. However, traditional competitors have invested significantly in customer strategies/experience, eroding the cooperatives' natural advantage
  - Only 50% of survey respondents indicate that delivering exceptional member experience is a core element of their mission statement
  - Furthermore, only ~15% of these respondents strongly agree that they are delivering on this promise to members
- Although the loyalty leaders in several sectors are cooperatives, most cooperatives lag traditional competitors in terms of member advocacy and loyalty – as measured by Net Promoter Score (NPS).
  - NPS matters higher NPS is consistent with greater member value and growth (driven by higher retention, greater share of wallet and more positive referrals)
  - Bain research indicates that cooperatives most often lag industry leaders in Net Promoter Score
  - Examples do exist of cooperatives leveraging their unique position to generate exceptional performance - e.g. Vanguard

### Executive Summary (2/2)

- To establish clear leadership in member advocacy and loyalty, cooperatives must put the member at the center of their mission and build the "operating model" that supports a member experience focus. This is especially critical for large cooperatives as they have become more complex and "distant" from members
  - Large cooperatives significantly lag smaller cooperatives in customer advocacy and loyalty
  - Survey respondents indicated particular challenges in the effective execution of member experience strategies and initiatives: front line staff engagement, cross business unit and channel alignment, IT enablers
- This member experience "operating model" enables cooperatives to reconnect the organization with the member. Key elements include:
  - The Inner Loop: high velocity, closed-loop feedback, learning and action systems.
  - The employee "huddle"
  - The Outer Loop: a rigorous approach to identifying, prioritizing, resourcing and tackling systemic issues
  - Competitive benchmark NPS goals: motivation for senior leaders and information for strategic decisions

## Member experience is a priority for many respondents, but only 40% indicate that it is <u>core</u> to their mission

Survey respondents; "Growing Membership by Meeting the Changing needs of Members"



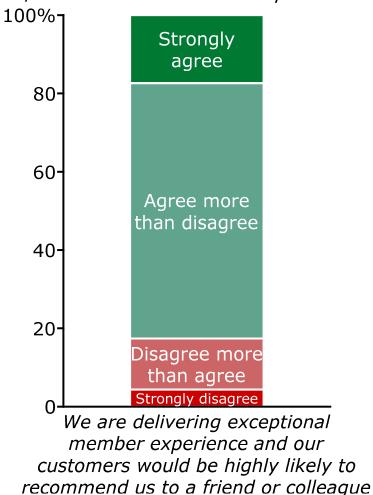
Source: Bain Cooperative member Experience survey (2014, n=23); Company websites

## Most respondents claim to deliver exceptional member experience ... but we don't see differential results

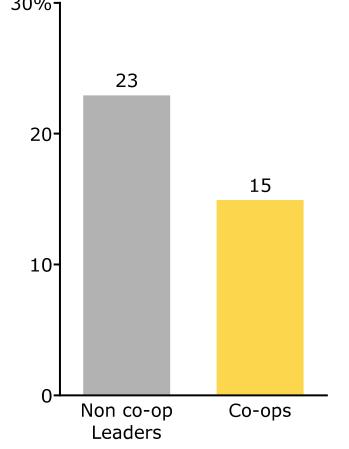
### MOST COOPERATIVES FEEL THEY PERFORM BETTER THAN NOT

#### **CO-OPS TRAIL NON-CO-OP LEADERS**

Survey respondents; Bain cooperatives member / customer exerience survey



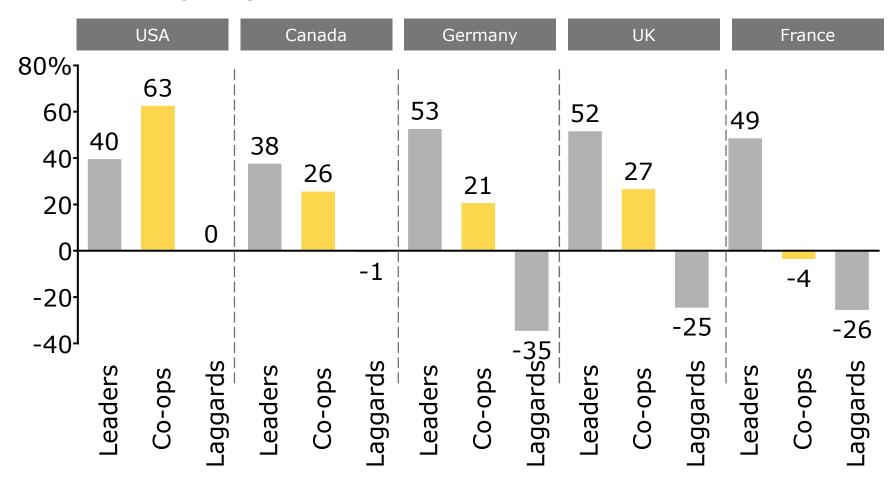
Average NPS (Global, Banking and Insurance)



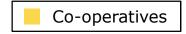
Source: Bain Cooperative member Experience survey (2014, n=23); Member Loyalty in Retail Banking survey for Americas, Europe, Asia (2013)

## Cooperatives trail the competition in most retail banking markets ...

#### Retail bank NPS (2013)

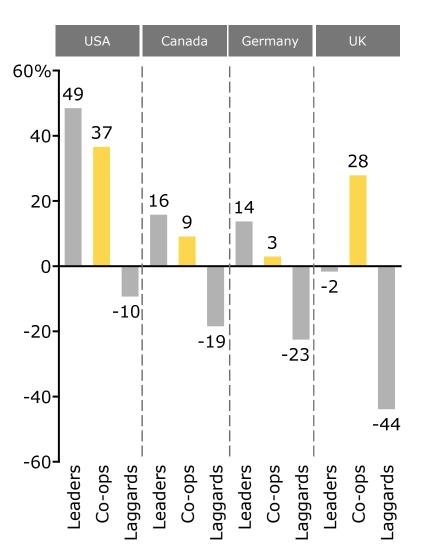


Note: Only includes industry leaders, laggards and co-ops in each country; average calculated as company average and not weighted by number of responses; US co-ops include "Community Banks" and Credit Unions Source: Member Loyalty in Retail Banking survey for Americas, Europe, Asia (2013)

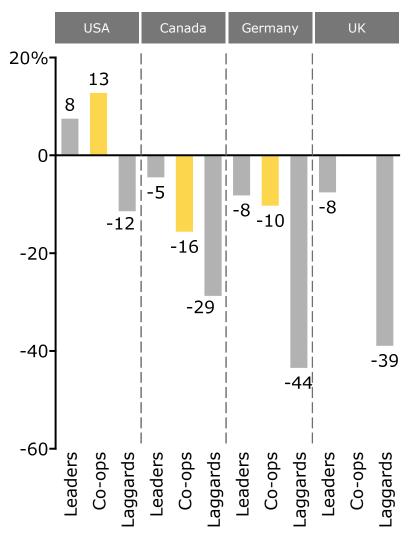


### ... as well as most insurance markets

P&C insurance NPS(2013)



Life insurance NPS (2013)



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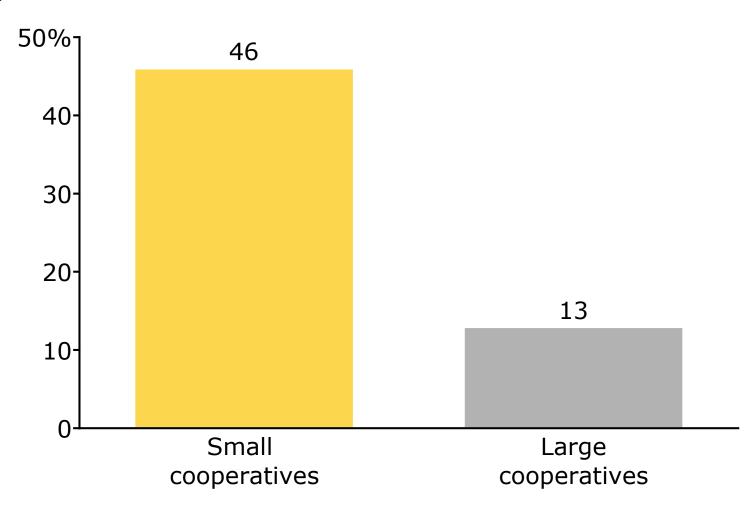
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### Smaller cooperatives tend to perform better ...

#### **GLOBAL BANKING**

#### Net promoter score



Note: Average weighted based on survey responses. Large cooperatives excludes USAA Source: Member Loyalty in Retail Banking survey for Americas, Europe, Asia (2013)



### ...but large cooperatives can outperform

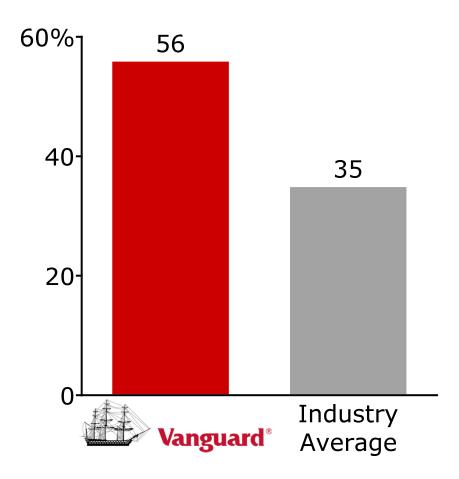


### **ACTIVELY SOLICITS AND ACTS** ON MEMBER FEEDBACK

- Rigorous **measurement** of customer advocacy across all business units
- Systematic collection of feedback to gain perspective on Vanguard & competitors' products/services
- Use of feedback to inform new product development to better meet member needs
- Client Insight Department
- C-level executives staff member service call centers to stay connected to the member & service policies & procedures

#### INDUSTRY LEADING NPS

NPS - US Brokerage & Investments



Source: Forrester, "2009 voice of member award-Vanguard", 2009.pdf; Satmetrix US NPS® Benchmarks 2011; The Ultimate Question 2.0



### Leaders drive superior Member Experience by executing across Design, Delivery and DNA

### Differentiated design

- Proprietary view of advocacy drivers and economics
- Well defined target customer/member segments
- Innovative features, based on deep insights into target customer/member needs

### Consistent delivery

- Zero defects
- Surprise and delight at 'moments of truth'
- Seamless integration across brand, offering, and touch points
- Personal connection to brand and people

### Company **DNA**

- Motivated and empowered employees
- Member-centric goals and culture
- Commitment to learning and innovation



### "Consistent Delivery" is the primary gap for cooperatives; "DNA" should be stronger

Average score of cooperative survey respondents

	Defined and actionable customer segments					
	Understanding of high-value customers					
Differentiated	Customer insights captured to inform business decisions					
Design	Drivers of advocacy and detraction clear					
	Understanding of customer alternatives, competitor offerings					
	Communication of customer experience brand, proof points					
	Ability to identify priority interactions					
	Defined process to gather and respond to customer feedback					
	Ability to deliver seamless cross-channel experience					
Consistent	Training to deliver exceptional customer experiences					
Delivery	Cross-functional alignment to support customer experience					
	IT enabling customer experience delivery					
	Authentic and effective interactions with personnel					
	Testing competency to evaluate potential improvements					
	Exceptional customer experience part of company mission					
	Clear decision roles and accountability					
Company	Employee recruitment driven by core values					
DNA	Employee recognition and rewards aligned with superior CEXP					
	Actionable financial and customer metrics part of reporting					
	Ability to innovate					

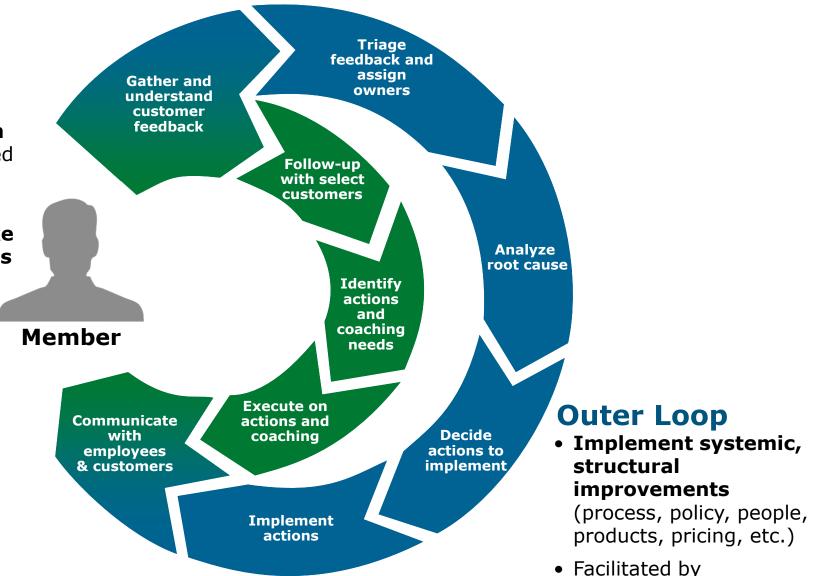
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### Path forward: putting the member at the center and fostering continuous improvement



### **Inner Loop**

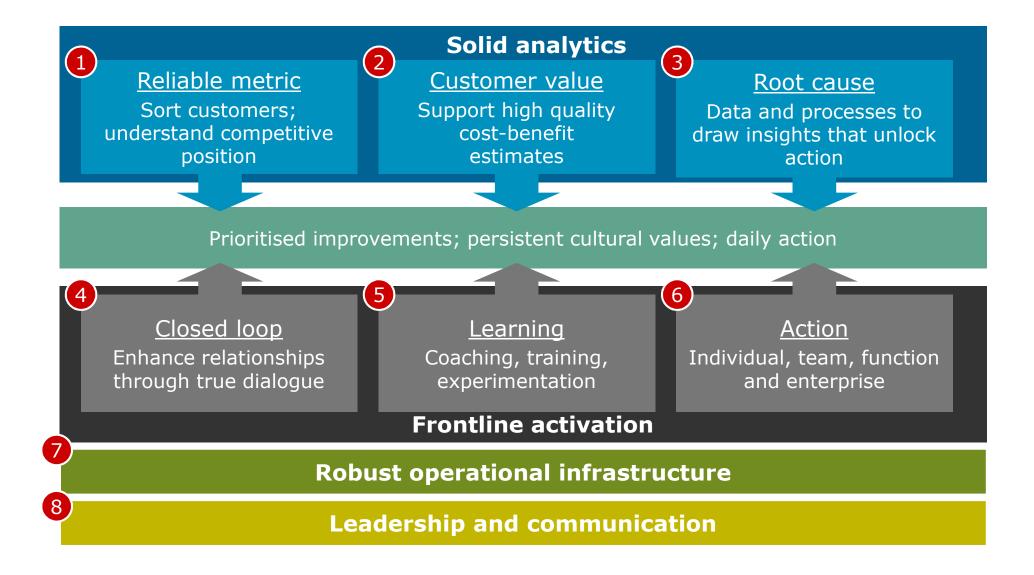
- Coach and train employees based on customer feedback
- Continuously take frontline actions



leadership team

### Path forward: build out the "Operating Model" to enable and sustain this target state





### Path forward: How do you know you have arrived?



#### **Customer advocacy built** into DNA

- Shift from a internally focused company and functional culture to a single, cohesive customer-centric culture
- All employees understand and can communicate why customer advocacy is important
- All major decisions made through the lens of the customer and their experience
- When you look back, NPS program defined a turning point
- Employees are proud to work at your company & brag to their friends

#### New behaviors become embedded

- Transformation into a learning organization: you listen to and learn from your customers and act on the learning
- Closed loop system fully operationalized: receiving and acting on feedback becomes part of how you operate
- Clear and consistent processes delivered and communicated to your customers

#### **Superior economics** achieved

- Economics fundamentally change
  - More members retained
  - Higher share of wallet
  - Increased referrals
  - Productivity **improves** leading to cost improvements



## **Implementing a Net Promoter System**

### Typical phases of NP System implementation



#### Build foundation and factbase

#### Establish factbase

- Advocacy vs. competitors (overall, segment, geography, etc.); drivers
- Loyalty economics; value of improvement
- Experience/touchpoints
- Prioritize high-impact, "no regrets" initiatives

#### **Pilot** & early implementation

- Implement 2-4 high priority, high impact initiatives - proof points
- Refine initiative prioritization/ sequencing plan

#### **Rollout** & full potential

- Implement next wave of priority initiatives
- Codify and embed initiative attack game plan

#### Make case for change

 Develop top-down NPS approach

- Develop roadmap for journey, including pilots
- Readiness to change
- Create central team
- Establish governance principles

- Run bottom-up pilots (learn how systems will work, iron out the kinks)
- Design scale roll-out, e.g.
  - Closed-loop, touchpoints, relationships, etc.
  - Roles, processes, policies
  - Training, coaching, etc.
  - Change management
- Begin building out infrastructure (IT, other)

- Roll out full system according to plan
- Mobilize the organization
- Measure progress and continue to learn and adjust approach

Bain leading/guiding

Organization fully capable

### Key elements of the system



	Solid analytics				Frontline activation					
		Reliable metric: Sort customers; understand impetitive positio	2 Customer value: Support cost-benefit estimates	Root cause: Insights to unlock action	4	Closed loop: Enhance relationships through dialog	5	Learning: Coaching, training, experimentation	6 Action: Individual, team, function, enterprise	
		Define market and sey competitors  Know baseline and articulate goals for improvement over ime  Design and launch op-down neasurement system  Design and launch oottom-up systems relationship and ouchpoint)	□Identify most profitable customers □Quantify value of promoter and impact of conversion □Build robust financial decision-making support; link loyalty economics to investment business cases	□Use customer feedback to determine the "why"—what creates promoters and detractors □Prioritize key issues (e.g. product, pricing, touchpoints) □Formalize an ongoing process for addressing issues that are raised		Prioritize couchpoints for closed loop systems Design closed oop processes method, timing, requency) Create nformation flows, reporting and analytic package Develop follow-up and escalation processes	prost	ntroduce training rograms to apport learning evelop coaching and behavior nange practices reate processes and support for experimentation, arning and best ractice sharing uild into erformance anagement externs	□Provide guidelines and principles for individual action □Build workflow management systems to support follow-up □Create cross- functional teams to attack prioritized initiatives □Support with central team/ governance	
	Robust operational infrastructure									
		Obtain/deploy required internal/external resources Develop reporting, tracking and engagement tools				•	Build required IT infrastructure Build required organizational infrastructure			
3)	Leadership communication									
		□ Directly participate in customer feedback processes				card) and	Develop loyalty report card (similar to financial report card) and embed it into strategic decision-making Build loyalty into C-level compensation			