Policy Type:	Executive Limitations
Policy Title:	B4 – Membership Rights and Responsibilities
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The General Manager must not allow members to be uninformed or misinformed of their rights and responsibilities.

The GM must not:

1. Create or implement a member equity system without the following qualities:
    a. The required member equity, or fair share, determined by the Board, is $150.
    b. Members are informed that equity investments are a) at risk, and b) generally refundable, though the Board retains the right to withhold refunds when necessary to protect the Cooperative's financial viability.
    c. Equity will not be refunded if such refunds would lead to a net decrease in total member paid-in equity, or would risk, cause or exacerbate non-compliance with any Financial Condition policy.

2. Implement a patronage dividend system that does not
    a. Comply with State and Federal Laws and regulations.
    b. Allow the Board to examine a range of options and implications, so the Board can make a timely determination each year concerning how much, if any, of the Cooperative's net profit will be allocated and distributed to members.