

**Co-Operative Associations, Amendment of Articles of Association.**

Since the legislature has treated co-operative associations as corporations, they are entitled to amend their articles of associations.

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Hon. A. M. Alderson,  
Secretary of State,  
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

You have orally requested from this office an opinion as to whether cooperative associations may amend their articles of association. The law applicable to these associations is found in Section 4210, et seq., Revised Codes, and is covered by Title V of the general law relating to corporations. Throughout the sections treating of these organizations, the law indiscriminately speaks of them as corporations and associations. Without going into the technical difference between a corporation proper and a cooperative association, it would seem that in as much as the legislature has treated of them as corporations, they would be entitled to the privileges of such bodies.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that such associations may by proper procedure amend their articles of association.

Yours very truly,

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Attorney General.