

Membership Criteria and Application – MNHBP

Eligibility Requirements

Voting Members

- Minnesota OCM-licensed manufacturer producing hemp beverages in Minnesota.

Associated Members (Non-voting)

- Hemp beverage brands manufactured in Minnesota, sponsored by a MN manufacturer.

Membership Application

Field	Response
Company Name	
Primary Contact	
Email	
Phone	
Address	

Membership Type

Voting Member _____

Associated Member (sponsored) _____

Additional Details

Field	Response
Sponsor Manufacturer (if applicable)	
OCM License Number	
Product Description	

Applicant Signature and Date

Certifying Member and Date

Appendix - Lobbying Expenditure Disclosure Policy – MNHBP

Purpose

To comply with IRS requirements for 501(c)(6) organizations regarding member deductibility and lobbying expenditure reporting.

Policy Statement

1. MNHBP engages in lobbying activities on behalf of its members.
2. A portion of member dues may be used to fund lobbying, including a contract lobbyist.
3. MNHBP will annually calculate the percentage or dollar amount of dues expended on lobbying.
4. MNHBP will disclose the non-deductible lobbying portion of dues annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year, consistent with IRS requirements.
5. MNHBP will notify members in writing of the nondeductible lobbying amount.
6. MNHBP will maintain records supporting lobbying expense calculations.
7. Members acknowledge that a portion of their dues may be used to fund lobbying activities. Members may not deduct the lobbying portion of dues as a business expense.

Notification Format Example

“For the year 2026, \$____ (representing ____ percent of your dues) was used for lobbying expenditures. This amount is not deductible as a business expense.”