

## 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	

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Applicant Signature and Date

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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.”