



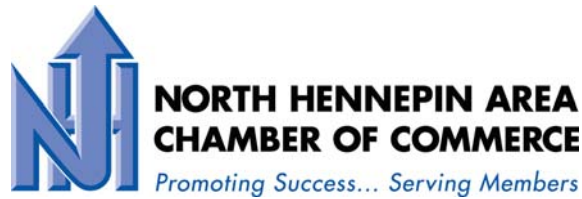
NHACC NETWORKING GROUP BYLAWS

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Mission Statement:

NHACC Networking Group is an organization of business persons whose purpose is the business development and support of its members through the exchange of social and professional contacts.

- Article 1:** The group shall be known as the “Chamber Networking Group”. The current groups include:
- **AM Group (7:30 a.m.)**
 - **Noon Group**
 - **PM Group (3:30 p.m.)**
- Article 2:** **AM, Noon and PM Groups:** Each occupation is represented by one member and conflicts of interest are disallowed. If an overlap or similar conflict occurs, the applicant must write a letter outlining how he/she will represent the group. The group will decide whether or not this conflict will be allowed.
Open Group (currently inactive): All occupations may attend.
- Article 3:** The active membership of this group shall consist of men and women who are members in good standing with the North Hennepin Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Article 4:** NHACC Networking Groups shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the President of each network group. The Board shall meet at its discretion when there are issues to discuss. Other Executive Committee members are welcome to attend these meetings, but the Presidents will retain voting privileges. The Board will have control and management of group activities and propose changes to the Bylaws as necessary.
- Article 5:** The group shall operate under an Executive Committee consisting of a President, Vice President/Membership Chair and Secretary whom will be elected annually at the first meeting in June. Voting shall be by ballot – one member, one vote. No voting by proxy. Annual terms run from July 1st through June 30th.
- The Executive Committee will request nominations from the group at least four weeks prior to the elections. Members may volunteer or be elected for positions. Members will have the option of accepting or declining nominations. The slate of candidates (2+ per category) will be finalized one meeting prior to the elections and forwarded to the Chamber’s Board of Directors for final approval.
- A majority of cast votes shall be necessary for election to office. If no majority is achieved on a given ballot, the candidate with the fewest votes is dropped and a second ballot is voted on. The procedure is followed until one candidate has received majority of votes cast.
- Article 6:** Regular meetings are to be held for a time period of 1 hour at the Chamber offices in Osseo.



Article 7: Membership. Transfer of membership from one group/chapter to another must be approved by the new group.

Admission into membership requires that each member make the following commitment.

- a. Attend meetings on a regular basis and send a substitute if unable to attend.
- b. Utilize fellow members for business or personal needs whenever possible.
- c. Provide a minimum of two referrals per month to any group member.
- d. Conduct oneself in a professional and ethical manner in all respects.
- e. Membership is subject to forfeiture when **the total of excused and/or unexcused absences exceed two in a three-month period**, or in the event of misconduct by a member. The Board of Directors is authorized to suspend or expel any group/chapter member for good cause.

Article 8: Any person who is proposed and accepted for membership shall be deemed to accept these by-laws and subsequent changes and be bound by them in all respects.

Article 9: The group/chapter is organized and shall operate as a not-for-profit organization for personal improvement and other similar non-profit purposes.

Article 10: Membership: Prospective members must attend two meetings and then submit application to the Membership Chairperson. Candidates will be asked to leave their third meeting 5 minutes early to allow voting to occur, and will be contacted by the Membership VP with the voting result.

An alternate may represent the member if that person represents the same company and the company owns the membership, or by their designee of a vendor, client or another chamber member.

Membership shall be owned by the individual or the company that is the paying member of the chamber. If the individual or company leaves the chamber, the rights of the membership belong to the chamber. Companies may have only one membership in the chamber networking groups (i.e. different employees from the same company cannot belong to different groups, thereby blocking competitors from a network group membership.)

If a company owns the membership and changes members, the Board of Directors shall have the right to approve or disapprove the new member and shall advise the company in writing.

Any member may resign from this group at any time. The resignation shall be submitted in writing (an email is acceptable) to the Board of Directors and shall become effective when accepted by the Board.

Article 11: No group shall exceed 25 members.

Article 12: To amend these Bylaws, the Networking Group Board of Directors must discuss proposed changes, draft the revisions and submit them to the Chamber President for review and approval by appropriate Chamber staff and/or Board member(s).