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The exchange of many types of information between AEM members that concerns common problems is legal, proper and essential to fulfilling the legitimate purposes of AEM. However, some subjects are not proper for discussion, either directly or indirectly.

Antitrust laws preserve and promote free competition, the basis of a free-market economy. AEM unequivocally supports the policy of competition and reaffirms its uncompromising intent to comply strictly in all respects with those laws

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Meetings

1. All AEM meetings must be regularly scheduled, and attended by AEM staff. Secret or in-promptu meetings shall be strictly avoided.
2. In conducting AEM meetings, the Chair thereof shall follow a formal agenda which shall be reviewed in advance by legal counsel.
3. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept by a designated party who shall accurately record the actions taken at the meeting. All minutes shall be approved by the Chair and legal counsel and shall be submitted to the group for approval at its next meeting.
4. All members and staff are expected to observe these guidelines in any informal or social discussions at an AEM meeting site, which are beyond the control of its officers and Chairs.

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Membership

1. Any firm meeting the requirements of membership set forth in the Bylaws shall be admitted without discrimination.
2. Member participation in any and all AEM activities is wholly voluntary.
3. No AEM member has authority to communicate on behalf of and as an official representative of the Association without specific prior Association approval.

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Topics of Discussion

1. AEM activities or communications shall include discussions or action on matters of interest to the industry.
2. No AEM activity or communication shall include any discussion or action, for any purpose or in any fashion, of prices or pricing methods, production quotas or other limitations on production or sales.
3. No AEM activity or communication shall include discussion or action which might be construed as an attempt to prevent any person or entity from gaining access to any customer, goods or services, to boycott any person or entity, or to prevent any person or entity from purchasing goods or services freely in the market.
4. No AEM activity or communication shall include discussion or action which might be construed as an agreement or understanding to refrain from purchasing materials, equipment, services or other supplies from any supplier.
5. No AEM activity or communication shall include any other discussion or action which would tend to restrict competition in an manner.