



FAQ: HPDC “Community” Membership Category

The HPDC Board of Directors, in August, approved the creation of a new category of Membership within HPDC: Community. This new membership category explicitly acknowledges the importance of inclusion in our membership of community-based organizations, such as those representing residents and workers. These are organizations whose activities are not explicitly focused on either material health or building industry practice, but for whom the issues of healthier buildings are central to their purpose and serving the needs of their members.

Here are the four HPDC membership category definitions:

- **Membership Overview and Benefits** The Health Product Declaration Collaborative (HPDC) is a not-for-profit, member organization, dedicated to the support and evolution of the Health Product Declaration[®] (HPD) Open Standard. Membership is open to organizations that are actively engaged in the creation, use and/or support of the HPD Open Standard. Each member organization is entitled a specified number of individual participants, based on the type of membership. The HPDC is a non-profit corporation, recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(6) trade association.
 - HPDC members fall across four categories, as follows:
 - **User** – An organization that uses, or intends to use, HPDs directly in the course of their business activities. Examples: Architecture, Design, Engineering and Construction firms.
 - **Manufacturer** – An organization that develops and/or manufactures product(s) and/or ingredients for which HPDs would be an applicable disclosure tool. In instances where an entity or individual both creates and uses an HPD, they should select the Manufacturer category. Examples include firms that develop and/or manufacture products used as building materials or firms that develop and/or manufacture and supply to others materials or substances that are integrated into building materials.
 - **Ecosystem** – 1) An organization that provides products and/or services that utilize or produce HPD-related information. Examples are makers of interpretive tools, consulting services, verification services. 2) An organization that works in an **advocacy, policy and/or regulatory capacity in areas relevant to the HPD.**
 - **Community** – An organization that represents residents, workers and/or community members, that is actively engaged in advancing human and environmental health benefits associated with buildings and/or surrounding communities, and for whom HPDs can provide transparent material health information useful to improve human and environmental health outcomes.

In the 2020 HPDC Election for the Board of Directors, three new, open seats have been added for Community members. These seats will have staggered terms in order to support the existing stagger of Board seats: one seat will have a one year term, one seat will have a two year term, and one seat will have a three year term. These terms will be randomly assigned to the newly-elected Community membership category members who are elected to the Board.

For any other questions on the Community membership category, please contact us at: membership@hpd-collaborative.org.