

The Metal Powder Producers Association (MPPA) is one of six trade associations which comprise the Metal Powder Industries Federation (MPIF), the world's leading trade organization serving the interests of the metal powder producing and consuming industries. Membership provides a unique opportunity to interact with business colleagues including competitors, suppliers and others working together to advance and grow the PM industry.

BENEFITS OF MPPA MEMBERSHIP:

Meetings and Conferences:

- Members meet twice annually including at the Feb/March Winter Business Meeting where a comprehensive program is held focusing on management and/or plant operations for powder suppliers.
- Members actively participate at the annual POWDERMET conference that brings together the global PM industry for technical exchange, networking and a trade exhibition showcasing suppliers of powders, equipment and products.
- Registration fees are discounted for members and exhibitors receive substantial discounts for booth space.
- Members also meet each fall during the MPIF PM Summit where senior industry leaders gather to exchange management issues relevant to all segments of the PM industry.

Management and Statistical Programs:

- Members receive the monthly *MPIF Management Briefs* summarizing industry manufacturing and management updates with pertinent information solely for PM management.
- Members receive the "Monthly Economic Indicators & Industry Trends" report encompassing leading and lagging indicators for U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), automotive sales & production, agricultural and lawn & garden, aerospace, semiconductors, firearms, powder shipments, and U.S., Japanese and European imports & exports.
- Member participants receive monthly statistics on metal powder shipments useful for industry trend analysis. Non-participating members receive this information quarterly.
- Members also submit input and receive comprehensive results from the *PM Industry Pulse*, an annual survey of industry trends covering all segments and associations within MPIF.
- Members also participate in valuable statistics programs providing confidential management information on compensation practices and safety and health.

Standards Development:

- MPPA actively supports and votes on industry standards including materials standards for PM parts and products and methods of test used by customers when specifying PM parts.

Publications and Training:

- MPIF conducts pertinent educational seminars and short courses open to your employees at member discounts.
- MPIF hosts the Guide to PM Microstructures website offering images of most MPIF material designations in a number of property influencing conditions.
- Members have direct access to the world's largest and most comprehensive library on powder metallurgy. MPIF is the leading publisher of PM books, proceedings, standards and electronic media. Your employees can purchase publications at member discounts.

Marketing Opportunities:

- MPPA has a leading voice driving industry marketing efforts to end users and customers of PM parts and products through the MPIF Industry Development Program. The program features promotional ads in trade media as well as a formidable online presence through engineering portals plus other industry development efforts, awards activities and public relations programs designed to grow the PM market.
- Members receive a discount when advertising in the *FocusPM* Newsletter.
- Members are listed on various MPIF Web sites in a fully searchable online database of industry parts, powder and product manufacturers. You can also hotlink to your website increasing market outreach.
- Members can provide data and be identified in the Global PM Property Database, the world's only global online data resource created by MPIF, EPMA and JPMA.
- Members are listed in the annual *Who's Who in PM Membership Directory* published by APMI International.

Membership Information

The Metal Powder Producers Association operates as a trade association within the Metal Powder Industries Federation, an incorporated 501 (c) (6) trade organization. It shares with affiliated associations the economies and other advantages of joint administration. While the Association is governed by its members in accordance with its bylaws, it is subject to the policies and regulations of the Federation. Membership is on a company "corporate" basis.

Acceptance for corporate, voting membership in the Metal Powder Producers Association constitutes membership in the Metal Powder Industries Federation.

Eligibility

Any firm, corporation (or division thereof) is eligible for corporate, voting membership in the Association if commercially engaged in the production of metal powders, metal flakes, metal fibers, or non-metallic powder additives used with these materials, such as graphite or lubricants in continental North America. For the purpose of eligibility, powders shall be defined as discrete particles of elemental metals or of mixtures of elemental metals, or of alloys the sizes of which are not significantly larger than 12 mesh (U.S. series). In the case of fibers, their diameters shall be in the order of 0.065 in. or less.

Eligibility for corporate membership in the Metal Powder Producers Association shall be determined by the Executive Director of the Federation in accordance with the applicable bylaws of the Association.

Eligibility for associate membership: Any North American firm, corporation or division not otherwise qualified for corporate membership as described above, shall be eligible for associate, non-voting membership if it falls within the following categories: powder "reprocessors" or "re-sellers".

Any three or more corporate members of the Association representing a specific industry segment serving the same market may form a council for the purpose of conducting any and all legally acceptable trade association activities in the interest of that industry segment, as defined in the bylaws of the Association.

Membership Dues and Representation

For US Federal income tax purposes, all membership fees may be deducted as a business expense but are not deductible as a charitable contribution. There are no initiation fees. Payment of Association dues shall cover membership in the Federation. A current budget is available upon request for the purpose of determining exact costs of membership. Companies joining after the first quarter of the calendar year will be invoiced on a pro-rated basis to the nearest quarter.

Each member company must appoint an individual to serve as its Official Representative who will be authorized to represent, vote and act for the member in the affairs of the Association. This does not preclude other individuals from the same company from participating, including the holding of office.

The member company may also designate any number of additional individuals to serve as Alternate Official Representatives. An annual service fee of \$70 will be assessed for each individual so designated to defray additional mailing expenses.

For all matters affecting the Association or the Federation, the member company shall be entitled to cast one vote.



Application Form

Metal Powder Producers Association

An international trade association of the Metal Powder Industries Federation

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

E-mail: _____ Web site: _____

Date of incorporation or founding _____

If applicant is a subsidiary or division, what is the name of the parent organization?

Head of PM operations _____

Head of sales/marketing department _____

Name, Title, and E-mail of Individual to be designated as "Official Representative"

Name, Title, and E-mail of Individual(s) (if any) to be Designated as "Alternate Representative(s)"
(A nominal, annual service fee per person will be assessed)

Names, Titles, and E-mail of Sales Contacts (limit 3): Please note telephone number if different from main number on application form.

If elected to membership, the applicant agrees to be governed by the rules and regulations of the Metal Powder Industries Federation and the Metal Powder Producers Association.

Name and Title of Submitting Applicant

Signature

Date

The following, in addition to acting as MPIF's official source of corporate file information, will act as a source of information which will be posted in the PM Industry Online Directory on www.mpif.org. Please be as complete as possible. It is the member's responsibility to inform MPIF of any changes to this information.

Granular Powders:

Flake Powders:

Standard Powders:

Special Granular Powders:

Special Flake Powders:

Manufacturing Capabilities:

Production Minimums:

Atomization Capabilities:

Powder Fraction Range:

Special Equipment:

Other Information:
