17.695 MARKETING AND BARGAINING COMMITTEE.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** After accreditation of the association, the association shall establish and authorize a marketing and bargaining committee to negotiate, as the association's exclusive agent, with handlers for the sale and marketing of the agricultural commodity for which the association was accredited.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** This committee shall be comprised of members of the association elected by the association in a secret ballot election, except that the association may contract with legal counsel who shall, at the discretion of the association, be eligible for membership on the committee.

Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** The production of the agricultural commodity shall comprise a significant portion of the total producing operation of each committee member.

Subd. 4. **Ineligible members.** Members who have any quantity contracted with a producer owned and controlled processing cooperative are not eligible to serve on a marketing and bargaining committee for such a commodity.

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