

United States LMO Formal Rules**

Rules for Congressional Member Organizations are as follows:

- Copied from Committee on House Administration Guidelines:

Congressional Member Organizations

Members of Congress may form a Congressional Member Organization (CMO) in order to pursue common legislative objectives.

Registration

Each Congress, CMOs must electronically register with the Committee on House Administration.

Step 1: Prepare a letter on official letterhead, to the Committee on House Administration with the following information:

1. CMO Name
2. Statement of Purpose
3. Officers of the CMO
4. Name, Phone Number, and Email Address of staff designated to work on issues related to the CMO

Step 2: Submit the letter online in PDF format at CMO Registration

Step 3: Receive approval (via email) from the Committee on House Administration.

Step 4: Check for your CMO's listing.

Membership

Members of both the House and Senate may participate in CMO, but at least one of the Officers of the CMO must be a Member of the House. The participation of Senators in a CMO does not impact the scope of authorized CMO activities in any regard.

Funding and Resources

- CMOs have no separate corporate or legal identity.
- A CMO is not an employing authority.
- The MRA may not directly support a CMO as an independent entity. A CMO may not be assigned separate office space.
- Neither CMOs nor individual Members may accept goods, funds, or services from private organizations or individuals to support the CMO.
- Members may use personal funds to support the CMO.
- A Member of a CMO, in support of the objectives of that CMO, may utilize employees (including shared employees) and official resources under the control of the Member to assist the CMO in carrying out its legislative objectives, but no employees may be appointed to the name of a CMO.

Communications

- CMOs may not use the Frank, nor may a Member lend his or her Frank to a CMO.

*information found on US Congressional website

- A Member may use official resources for communications related to the purpose of a CMO. Any such communications must comply with the Franking Regulations.
- Members may devote a section of their official Web site to CMO issues, but CMOs may not have independent Web pages.
- A Member may use inside mail to communicate information related to a CMO.
- Members may prepare material related to CMO issues for dissemination.
- Official funds may not be used to print or pay for stationery for the CMO.
- Members may refer to their membership in a CMO on their official stationery.

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