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2. Representatives of associate members may participate in, vote and serve in leadership positions in subcommittees and work groups of committees reporting to the Executive Committee or Commission, and may also vote in the committee meetings concerning matters resulting from such participation.
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4. Associate members may be charged an amount for a program, project, training session, conference, or other fee-supported activity that includes a surcharge or higher fee than is charged to sovereignty or commission members. The Commission or its Executive Committee may provide additional opportunities for associate members to consult and cooperate with the commission and its member states in general furtherance of the purposes of the Multistate Tax Compact.

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