

Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association Receives Public Policy Award

The Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association (MBWA) has been recognized with the Leaders in Public Policy 2013 Award by *Politics in Minnesota* and the *St. Paul Legal Ledger Capitol Report*. The award recognizes “individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions toward Minnesota’s political, public policy or civic environment during the state’s current fiscal year or 2013 legislative session.”

The association advocates on behalf of the Minnesota beer industry by promoting the responsible consumption of beer and the expansion of consumer choice by nurturing craft brewers and the creation of quality jobs at the distributor level.

MBWA along with Minnesota beer distributors works closely with the local community to promote safe and responsible alcohol consumption. Their community programs include:

- Supporting programs that educate consumers about the safe and responsible consumption of alcohol
- Sponsoring programs to encourage education about responsible drinking, including programs on Minnesota college campuses
- Engaging with *Safe and Sober Rides*, a program that works with businesses to provide safe rides home
- Providing classes to parents about how to talk to their children about the dangers of underage drinking.

MBWA Chair Luke Dahlheimer of Dahlheimer Beverage, LLC accepted the award for the association earlier this summer, noting that the Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association’s mission is to “serve as the unified voice for beer distributors on legislation and regulation, to encourage the responsible consumption of beer, and to assist distributors in their business and community roles.”