

S3 Collective

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Dear Friends of S3 Collective,

As we close out 2024, I am struck by how far we have come in such a short time. We are growing into our vision as a dynamic organization making tangible strides toward creating a safer, more consistent marketplace for cannabinoid products. As a nonprofit, none of this would be possible without the incredible network of people like you—advocates, professionals, and supporters who believe in our mission.

This year has been monumental for S3 Collective, and your interest in our work drives us to keep pushing boundaries. I am excited to share a few highlights of what we've achieved:

Advancing Standards and Research

- We hosted our first in-person event for regulators, welcoming over 20 state and federal officials to explore how standards, accreditation, and certification programs can advance public health.
- Submitted a [Public Comment](#) on Rescheduling to the DEA along with the Maryland Cannabis Student Association. Over 50 dedicated volunteers reviewed over 100 scientific studies, producing a concise, impactful 42-page submission—ensuring science is permanently on the record.
- Shared knowledge at events like [MJUnpacked](#), universities, and trade shows, bringing attention to the importance of standards and product safety across diverse audiences.



S3 Collective's Workshop on Barriers and Tools for Regulators in the Cannabis and Cannabinoid Marketplace presented at the University of Minnesota on 6/06/24 following the CANNRA External Stakeholder Event.

Growing Our Community of Experts and Partners

- We welcomed [several new Founding Members](#), including our first Family Foundation and several individual donors.
- We expanded our roster to dozens of expert volunteers, including researchers, clinicians, and former government officials, all working together to support our mission.
- We launched our first internship program, with students from LIM College's [Business of Cannabis](#) Program.

Recognition and Collaboration

- At the beginning of the year, we were accepted into the FDA's prestigious [Network of Experts Program](#).
- Our members and work have been featured in publications like The [Missouri Independent](#), [Boston Globe](#), Cannabis Business Times, Benzinga, and more.

Looking Ahead to 2025

We are excited to build on our efforts in 2024 with several major initiatives, including publishing a multi-year research and standards agenda, providing increased resources to [regulatory agencies](#) on how to utilize evidence-based standards and more.

Support Our Work

As a grassroots nonprofit, our progress depends on the support of individuals and organizations that believe in what we do. Your contributions enable us to fund critical research, host impactful events, and provide resources that benefit the entire industry.

Please consider becoming a [sustaining corporate donor](#) or making a [one-time gift today](#). Thank you for following our journey, celebrating our successes, and joining us in building a safer future for cannabinoid products.

On behalf of the Board of the S3 Collective, I sincerely thank you for continuing to support our work and invite you to continue to spread the word as we prepare for a bright and prosperous 2025.

Wishing you a safe holiday season,

David Vaillencourt

Board Chair

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S3C Updates

Have you made your plans for **ASTM D37's Committee Week in Houston, TX** next month? S3C is hosting a **Networking Event** on the first night, **Monday 1/27/25**, at Hearsay Gastro Lounge. [Sponsor this event!](#)



S3C's David Vaillencourt joined Chris Lindsey (ATACH), Diana Eberlein (SōRSE Technology), and Amy Moore (Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services) for a [panel discussion](#) titled "Exploring a Successful Coexistence Between the Cannabis and Hemp Industries" at **MJUnpacked** in St. Louis on 11/05/24. Read more about it in the [Missouri Independent](#).



S3C Board Members, David Vaillencourt, Alexa Wilson, Elisabeth Berry, and [Cannabis Safety and Quality's](#) Darwin Millard, attended [Associations Day](#) and several other events during **MJBizCon** in Las Vegas from 12/03/24 - 12/06/24.

Standards Snapshot

Two groundbreaking ASTM D37 standards, [ASTM D8587-24](#) and [ASTM D8588-24](#) were published last month to establish science-based methods for evaluating vape ingredient safety, offering manufacturers clear guidance and providing regulators with critical tools to protect consumer health. [Explore](#) how these standards impact the industry.

Currently, there are no open ASTM D37 ballots.

Science Spotlight

The [FDA approved a study](#) on cannabis for veterans with PTSD, signaling growing interest in its therapeutic potential. Researchers will assess the effects of high-potency marijuana, filling a critical research gap.

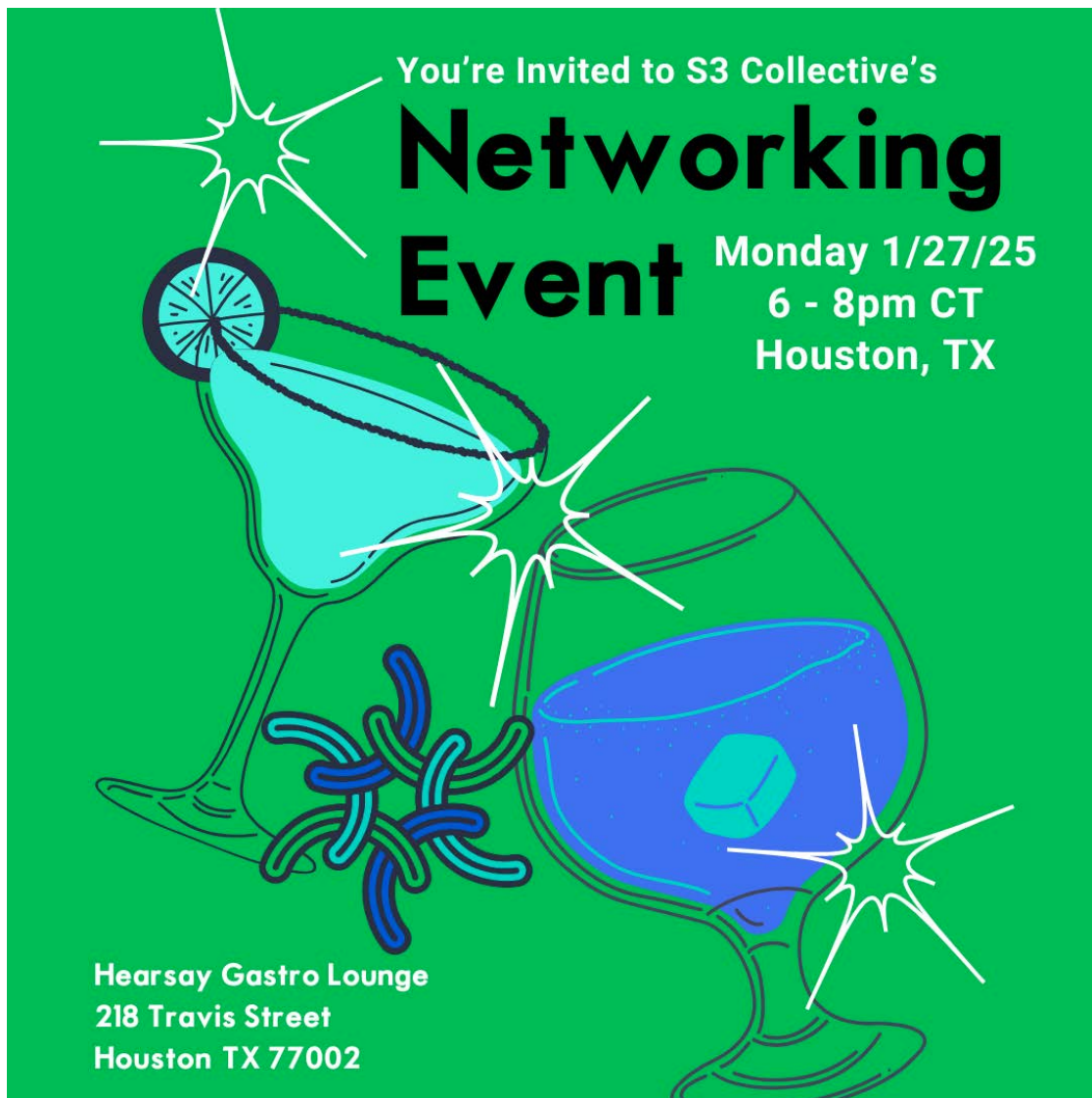
The [DOJ awarded](#) more than half a million dollars to study hemp-derived products. [NIST](#) will analyze chemical composition and label accuracy, while [Sam Houston State University](#) will develop methods to distinguish hemp from marijuana for regulatory and law enforcement use.

Safety Scoop

The [Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission](#) identifies ground cannabis dust as a hazardous chemical. Licensees must comply with OSHA standards, implement safety protocols, and protect workers through training, ventilation, and protective equipment. [Read more.](#)

Events

- **1/27/25 - 1/29/25:** [ASTM D37 Committee Week](#) at the Hyatt Regency Downtown in Houston, TX
 - [Registration](#)
 - [Schedule](#)
 - [Hotel Reservation Link](#)
 - [Government Hotel Reservation Link](#)
- **1/27/25:** [S3C Networking Event](#) at Hearsay Gastro Lounge in Houston, TX
- **4/07/25 - 4/10/25:** International Conference on the Science of Botanicals ([ICSB](#)) in Oxford, MS (*accepting oral and poster abstract submissions until 12/15*)
- **4/29/25 - 5/01/25:** [MJUnpacked](#) in Atlantic City, NJ (*accepting [applications](#) for guest speakers until 1/31/25*)



Rulemaking Meetings, Regulatory Events, & Public Comments

All times listed are in local time.

- **Alabama** - The next Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission (AMCC) meetings will be on **12/12** and **1/09/25** at 1:00 PM ([join meeting](#), [agenda](#)).
- **California** - The Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) met on **11/21** ([meeting materials](#)).
- **Colorado** - The Marijuana Enforcement Division's (MED) final adopted [permanent rules](#) took effect on **12/04**. The next MED Science & Policy Forum meeting will be on **2/07/25** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. They will also meet on **3/07/25**, **4/04/25**, **5/02/25**, and **6/06/25**. These meetings will address the Metrc remediation symbol (one-time topic on 2/07/25) and have ongoing discussions on Production Batch definitions, testing, and transfers at monthly meetings. Feedback on [additional agenda items](#) is welcome by **12/18**.

- **Delaware** - The next Dover City Council meeting will be on **12/09** at 6:30 PM ([virtual](#)) and will include zoning and licensing regulations for cannabis businesses in Dover, alongside discussions on public safety protocols.
- **District of Columbia (DC)** - The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) met on **12/04** ([recording](#)).
- **Georgia** - The next Georgia Medical Cannabis Commission (GMCC) meeting will be on **12/11** at 4:00 PM ([virtual](#)). The meeting will discuss licensing evaluations for cultivators and manufacturers, as well as program oversight and operational updates. The last meeting was on **11/13** ([recording](#)).
- **Kentucky** - The Office of Medical Cannabis (OMC) will host a medical cannabis card holders webinar on **1/15/25** from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM ([virtual](#)). This session will guide potential patients and caregivers through the certification process, including eligibility requirements and application steps.
- **Massachusetts** - The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC)'s [regulatory reforms](#) took effect on **11/22**. The CCC is hosting a listening session about potential policy amendments for delivery businesses on **12/11** and is accepting public comments until **12/13** at 5:00 PM ([more information](#)). The next CCC public meeting will be on **12/12** from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM ([virtual](#)). The last meeting was on **11/14** ([recording](#)).
- **Maryland** - The Maryland Cannabis Administration hosted a Task Force Meeting on **12/05** that focused on regulating the responsible use of natural psychedelics and integrating public health considerations into regulatory frameworks ([recording to be posted](#)).
- **Maine** - The Office of Marijuana Policy (OMP) is providing training sessions for the Metrc system every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday ([virtual](#)). These sessions offer guidance on inventory tracking, compliance reporting, and operational best practices.
- **Michigan** - The Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) will host a public meeting on **12/11** at 9:30 AM ([hybrid](#)) to allow stakeholders to provide feedback on draft rules and discuss the CRA's administrative responsibilities.
- **Minnesota** - The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) will host a grant listening session on **12/10** from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM ([virtual](#)). The OCM's Cannabis Advisory Council (CAC) will meet on **12/12** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM ([in-person](#)).
- **Nevada** - The Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) recently met on **11/21** ([recording](#)) and will meet again on **12/19** at 9:00 AM ([virtual](#)).
- **New Jersey** - The next Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) meeting will be on **12/12** at 11:00 AM ([hybrid](#)).
- **Oklahoma** - The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) public comment meeting on proposed permanent rules will take place on **12/17** at 9:00 AM ([in-person](#)). Public

comments will be accepted on the form at the bottom of [this page](#) by 5:00 PM on **12/17**.

- **Oregon** - The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) had a public hearing on **11/18** to discuss the 2024 Marijuana Legislative and Technical Rules Package ([recording](#)) and had a License Reassignment Workgroup meeting on **12/03** ([recording](#)).
- **Rhode Island** - The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) is scheduled to meet next on **12/20** at 1:00 PM ([in-person](#), [more information](#)).
- **Utah** - The Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board (MCPAB) will meet on **12/17** from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM ([hybrid](#)).
- **Vermont** - The next Vermont Cannabis Control Board (CCB) meeting will be on **12/18** at 1:00 PM ([virtual](#)).
- **Washington** - The Liquor and Cannabis Board will hold its next meetings on **12/17** and **12/18** from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ([hybrid](#)).

Are we missing one from your state? **[Let us know!](#)**

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