

**OFFICE OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD
Board Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2011**

Chair Foster called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board to order at 10:02 a.m., on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 in the Boardroom, 3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia, Washington. Member Kurose participated by telephone and Member Marr was also present.

Approval of Minutes

There minutes from the July 27, 2011 and August 10, 2011 meetings were approved.

Board Approval – Interim Policy – Defining Wine of Its Own Production

Alan Rathbun, Director of Licensing, presented the draft Interim Policy regarding defining wine of its own production to resolve an issue where large burdens were placed on a Washington licensed domestic winery due to the Liquor statutory and regulatory provisions. For example, if a Washington winery located in Washington also owns and operates a winery in Oregon within the same TTB appellation and the majority of the production occurs in Oregon, they cannot sell or market the products produced in Oregon from the Washington winery location. Because a new license would need to be added, they would have to create a different entity which would result in three separate entities with reporting requirements to multiple agencies. This interim policy would lessen the administrative burden under the conditions listed in the policy. Steve Kenyon of the Otis Kenyon Winery, provided comments in support of this interim policy and thanked Pat Kohler, Rick Garza and Alan Rathbun for their responsiveness in coming up with a creative solution. Chair Foster commented that in line with the Governor's priorities, the LCB is supportive of lessening the requirements on small businesses. Member Marr inquired as to whether this might create another problem if an Oregon winery were to purchase minimal acreage in Washington and then get an advantage over "Washington wine". Mr. Kenyon responded that this scenario was brought before the Washington Wine Institute and it was not an area of concern. Jean Leonard of the Washington Wine Institute also provided comment in support and wished to commend all involved. Member Kurose expressed her support of this interim policy as well. Rick Garza, Deputy Director, thanked Alan Rathbun and Licensing staff for their creativity and hard work. Member Marr made a motion to approve; Member Kurose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Product Recommendations

Debi Besser, Director of Purchasing, presented the list of product recommendations to the Board. Member Marr made a motion to approve the list; Member Kurose seconded the motion. All were in favor.


New Business


There was no new business.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.


Sharon Foster, Chair


Ruthann Kurose, Board Member


Chris Marr, Board Member