Washington State
Liquor Control Board

WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD
Board Meeting Minutes – October 31, 2012

Board Chair Sharon Foster called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) to order at 10:02 a.m., on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 in the Boardroom at 3000 Pacific Avenue S.E., Olympia, Washington. Board Members Ruthann Kurose and Chris Marr were also present.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the October 24, 2012 meeting were approved.

Board Approval to File CR 101 to Repeal WAC 314-16-230 (2) – Limit on Off-Premises Sales of Wine by a Special Occasion Licensee
Rules Coordinator Karen McCall presented the Board with a CR 101 to repeal WAC 314-16-230 (2), which limits the amount of bottled wine a special occasion licensee is allowed to sell to any one person attending a special occasion event. Per Karen, this restriction limits the fundraising ability of non-profit organizations, and does not serve a public safety, over-consumption, or other legitimate regulatory purpose. Member Kurose made a motion to approve the CR 101. Member Marr seconded. All were in favor.

Public Hearing on Rules for Internet Sales and Delivery of Spirits - This agenda item was continued from the October 24, 2012 Board meeting.
Karen noted that the current rule for internet sales and delivery of beer and wine designates the method of ordering, location of delivery, hours of delivery, age requirements, containers and packaging, required information and identification requirements. Creating a new section in WAC 314-03 for internet sales and delivery of spirits with the same requirements for beer and wine would create consistency for all types of alcohol. Chair Foster opened the meeting up to receive stakeholder testimony. Five attendees provided verbal testimony:

- Holly Chisa, Northwest Grocery Association (NWGA). Holly noted that NWGA members were able to provide internet sales and delivery of spirits in other states. She expressed appreciation for the consistent structure proposed, where spirits would be under the same requirements as beer and wine.
- Peter Yoakum, Cognoscenti, LLC. Peter conveyed his support for allowing internet sales and delivery of spirits. Please see attached for his testimony, as well as a PowerPoint handout he provided to attendees.
- Jim Halstrom, Southern Wine and Spirits. Jim expressed opposition to allowing internet sales and delivery of spirits. Please see attached for his testimony.
- Ron and Donna Risdon, Small Business Owners, Mill Creek, WA. Ron and Donna articulated support for the rule change, nothing that they were empathetic to craft distillers, specifically.
- Jas Sangha, President, Washington Liquor Store Association (WaLSA). Jas, speaking on behalf of WaLSA, stated opposition to allowing internet sales and delivery of spirits. Per Jas, the rule change would create a huge shift related to access for a controlled item.

New Business
There was no new business.

Old Business:
There was no old business.

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The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Sharon Foster,
Board Chair

Approved by Phone
Ruthann Kurose,
Board Member

Chris Marr,
Board Member