

WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD Board Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2012

Board Member Chris Marr called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) to order at 10:02 a.m., on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 in the Boardroom at 3000 Pacific Avenue S.E., Olympia, Washington. Board Member Ruthann Kurose was present. Board Chair Sharon Foster was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December 5, 2012 meeting were approved.

Board Approval to File CR 102 on WAC 314-02-015 and WAC 314-02-045, Restaurant Hours of Operation Rules Coordinator Karen McCall presented the Board with a CR 102 on WAC 314-02-015 and WAC 314-02-045, to allow holders of a spirits, beer and wine restaurant license and holders of a beer and wine restaurant license to operate fewer days per week than currently required. This action results from a petition for rule making from the Washington Restaurant Association. The proposal changes the required number of operational days per week from five to three. The update also removes language, which allowed licensees to request an exception to the required hours of operation due to hardship. Member Kurose made a motion to approve. Member Marr seconded. Both were in favor.

Board Approval to File CR 102 for WAC 314-02-105, Beer/Wine Specialty Shop Tastings

Ms. McCall requested Board approval to file a CR 102 for WAC 314-02-105. This proposed rule making addresses the need to modify the chapter to allow for calculation of gross sales to include all alcohol types since this license type is now used in conjunction with spirits retail licenses. Total Wine and More submitted a petition for rule making to allow a Beer/Wine Specialty Store licensee to serve a total of twelve ounces of beer or wine samples to a customer during any one visit to the premises. An additional requirement adds that employees conducting samplings must hold a class 12 (MAST) permit.

Cindy Zender, representing Total Wine and More, requested section 5d be eliminated due to the limits it presents and difficulty of enforcing it. Member Marr discussed the rational with Ms. McCall. Member Kurose commented that if it is not a public safety risk and we cannot enforce it, then eliminating it was acceptable. Member Kurose made a motion to approve as amended. Member Marr seconded. Both were in favor.

New Business

Darren Smith with Washington Liquor Store Association had additional questions about whether there would be a limit on percentage of alcohol in samplings. Member Marr referred him to Karen McCall for additional discussion after the meeting. Mr. Smith commented that his organization supported the CR102.

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Old Business:		
There was no old business.		
The Board Meeting was adjourn	ned at 10:18 a.m.	
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(not present)	Kutham Rureze	
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Sharon Foster,	Ruthann Kurose,	Chris Marr,
Board Chair	Board Member	Board Member