WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD Board Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2012

Board Chair Sharon Foster called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board to order at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 3, 2012 in the Boardroom at 3000 Pacific Avenue S.E. in Olympia, Washington. Board Member Ruthann Kurose participated by telephone. Board Member Chris Marr was present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 25, 2012 meeting were approved.

Board Adoption of Rules CR 103 for Responsible Vendor Program

Agency Rules Coordinator Karen McCall requested the Board's approval of the final rulemaking (CR 103) for the Responsible Vendor Program. The Board was briefed on the background and public comment for this rulemaking, which is required by Initiative 1183. With approval, the effective date of the rules is June 3, 2012. Board Member Kurose made a motion to approve the CR 103. Member Marr seconded. All were in favor.

Board Approval to File CR 102 for Rulemaking to Implement I-1183 (Revisions to Current WACs)

Karen McCall presented the Board with a CR 102 to revise and/or repeal WACs to implement sections of Initiative 1183. Thirteen WAC chapters will be revised, and two chapters will be repealed based on the changes in the initiative. All of these changes are addressed in this rulemaking. Stakeholders have until June 27, 2012 to provide comment (rules@liq.wa.gov). Board Member Marr made a motion to approve the CR 102. Member Kurose seconded. All were in favor.

Governor's Leadership Recognition

Business Enterprise Director Pat McLaughlin was recognized by Administrative Director Pat Kohler for receiving the Governor's Award for Leadership in Management. Pat McLaughlin started his employment with the WSLCB in 2005 as the Purchasing Director, eventually moving to the newly created position of Business Enterprise Director, where his modernization efforts and creative and innovative style of management garnered attention. The Board expressed its sincere appreciation for Pat's contribution to the liquor board, and congratulated him on receipt of the Governor's award.

New Business

A few attendees provide verbal and/or written commentary to the Board regarding Section 103, subsection 4 of Initiative 1183, which requires Spirits Retail Licensees to pay a 17% fee on all sales. Per the speakers, this fee would be a burden on Contract Store Managers. Bonnie Roulstone from Contract Store 627, and Jas Sangha, one of the winning bidders from the State Store auction, provided the Board with written commentary (attached) as well as verbal. Other speakers included Chuck Ferrell from Contract Store 515, Jerry McAlpine from Contract Store 685,

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and Holly Chisa from the Northwest Grocers Association, who noted that the Contract Managers would no longer be required to purchase from Distributors as of June 1, 2012. Ken Heim from Contract Store 631 commented that the communications provided to stakeholders did not make their way to all Contract Store Managers.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Sharon Foster, Board Chair

Ruthann Kurose, Board Member Chris Marr, Board Member