



## WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD Board Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2013

Board Chair Sharon Foster called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) to order at 10:05 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 in the Boardroom at 3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia, Washington. Board Members Ruthann Kurose and Chris Marr were present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Member Kurose moved to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting. Member Marr seconded. All were in favor.

### **Board Approval to file CR 101 for relocation of former contract and state liquor stores**

Rules Coordinator Karen McCall requested Board approval to file a CR 101 for relocation of former state and contract liquor stores. The rules will implement Board Interim Policy #BIP-01-2012 Contract Liquor Stores and #BIP-04-2012 Relocation of Former State Liquor Stores. Member Kurose made a motion to approve. Member Marr seconded. All were in favor.

### **Board Approval to file CR 101 to prohibit consumption of marijuana in a liquor-licensed establishment**

Karen requested Board approval to file a CR 101 to prohibit consumption of marijuana in a liquor-licensed establishment. There are public safety concerns related to mixing alcohol and marijuana in liquor-licensed premises, including over-service and increased impaired driving. Initiative 502 also prohibits consumption of marijuana in public view. Member Kurose made a motion to approve. Member Marr seconded. All were in favor.

### **New Business**

Introduction of new staff in Licensing Division – Barbara Grigsby, Samiel Williams, Brad Cox and April Cotton.

Michael Shea from Stonegate Bar and Restaurant in Tacoma addressed the Board regarding the consumption of marijuana in his establishments. He said that at first they were concerned about over-use, but that has not been an issue so far. Cannabis use ends at midnight and they offer cab rides to anyone who might need one. He added that his experience is that cannabis users are not heavy drinkers; in fact many do not drink at all. He also commented that a private club would benefit tourism. It is not legal to consume cannabis in hotel or public places. This would give visitors somewhere to go to consume. The club area is an area upstairs that is used for private functions. Only club members can access the area. He encouraged the Board to look at the issue a little bit deeper and invited them to visit his establishment. He was informed that the rulemaking process allows for public input.


**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Sharon Foster,  
Board Chair



Ruthann Kurose,  
Board Member



Chris Marr,  
Board Member