

**OREGON WINE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2010
CONFERENCE CALL**

Attendees: Sam Tannahill (Chair), Kara Olmo (Chair Emeritus), David Adelsheim (Vice Chair), Tim Kennedy (Treasurer), Michael Donovan, David Beck, Leigh Bartholomew, Harry Peterson-Nedry, Terry Brandborg

Guests: Monique Bailey, Torii Mor Winery; Ian Malone, Premier Pacific Vineyards; Erik McLaughlin, Willamette Valley Vineyards; Howard Rossbach, Firesteed Cellars

Staff: Stephany Boettner, Lavonda Driskell, Hannelore Buckenmeyer, Annie Cocchia, Katie Bray, Colu Henry

Call to Order

Tannahill called the OWB meeting to order at 2:28 pm.

Tannahill explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss both the search process and interim director process. The intent was to make the process as open as possible. The floor was opened to comments about the search process. The Board discussed two avenues for the search approach, 1) handling the search process ourselves or 2) hiring a search firm. A Search Committee would be appointed to screen prospective candidates identified in either scenario with the Board having final selection authority.

Adelsheim had solicited input from industry peers and received support for both approaches. Donovan spoke to past experience working with a search firm as a positive experience. Beck suggested the Board identify Search Committee members while investigating the possibility of working with a search firm should the decision be made to engage their expertise. After further discussion, it was agreed the responsibility lies with the Board to decide to engage a search firm and should provide direction to the Search Committee.

Donovan motioned, Brandborg seconded, that the Board will hire a search firm for the new Executive Director. Adelsheim and Olmo opposed. Motion passed.

Tannahill explained the job description was currently being reviewed and proposed the Board address who would sit on a Search Committee. The Board was clear the responsibility of the Search Committee was to make recommendations of final candidates for the entire Board to interview and decide on for the position.

Following discussions for forming a committee, Tannahill will structure a Search Committee composed of three Board members and three industry (non-Board) members. Tannahill will identify individuals who represent broad viewpoints. He asked recommendations be sent directly to him for consideration to populate the Search Committee by April 1.

Tannahill called for an Executive Session under ORS192.660(2)(a) to hold discussions regarding employment of public officers, employees and agents. Under this provision only the Board and press are allowed to participate. Tannahill requested names of those who wished to be notified once the Board came out of Executive Session.

Tannahill recessed the OWB meeting at 4:03 pm.

Tannahill reconvened the OWB meeting at 5:13 pm.

Adelsheim motioned, Beck seconded, that the Board approve the Board Chair to serve as Interim Director and authorizes Board Chair to search for additional qualified candidates to serve in that position if necessary. Tannahill abstained. Motion passed.

Tannahill adjourned the OWB meeting at 5:29 pm.