



MAY 2, 2024

Board meeting minutes **FINAL**

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ATTENDEES

Board

Greg Jones, Tiquette Bramlett, Justin King, Cristina Gonzales, Dionne Irvine, Austin Kraemer, Adam Ramirez

Absent

Gary Mortensen, Maria Ponzi

Staff

Gina Bianco, Sally Crawford, Celine Fauveau, Neil Ferguson, Stacey Kohler

Guests

Dai Crisp (NCSFR), Julie Pond (NCSFR), Ken Johnston (OWC)

MEETING OPENING

- Chair G. Jones called the Oregon Wine Board public meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Research Committee

Board Chair & Research Committee Chair G. Jones presented the V&E project proposal for 2024-25.

- G. Jones briefly discussed OWB's process for vetting research project proposals for the Oregon wine industry, which also involves collaboration with various organizations such as the Unified Grape Management System, the California Grape Rootstock Commission, and the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research.
- G. Jones discussed the 2024-25 funding requests for 16 V & E research projects.

MOTION: A. Ramirez moved to approve funding for all recommended projects as presented in the playlist. This includes four continuing projects for \$227,099 and four new high-priority projects for \$159,652 for a grand total of \$386,751. J. King seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

- G. Jones and C. Fauveau presented and requested that OWB be members of the International Viticulture and Enology Society (IVES).
 - IVES is an open-source publication of scientific papers, technical articles and conference proceedings from around the world.
 - This membership would allow OWB to publish and post our funded research projects for global access and recognition.

MOTION: C. Gonzales moved to approve OWB membership in IVES at a cost of 5000€/year or approximately \$5,500. D. Irvine seconded. The motion carried 7-0.



ACTION: Based on these two approved motions, the FY24-25 Budget v2024.03 will be updated to FY24-25 v2024.05 to accommodate the spending.

- Dai Crisp (NCSFR) gave a review and update on the annual Washington D.C. trip in support of agricultural research funding managed by USDA ARS.
 - He highlighted the gains and collaboration with researchers in Washington and Oregon.
 - The impact of the federal funding to the industry was cited as a 1.5 million dollar increase for 2024.
 - He emphasized the importance of having the right number of people on the trip.

Finance Committee

The Board tabled the discussion on Umpqua Valley Winegrowers Association industry grant request since they have already submitted a request in the 2024-25 budget year.

- OWB's Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer will re-evaluate and clarify the industry grant policy for the upcoming fiscal year.

MEETING FINALIZATION

- Chair G. Jones adjourned the Oregon Wine Board public meeting at 4:05 p.m.