



OREGON WINE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COVID-19 Response

JUNE 30, 2020 <<FINAL>>

VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

BOARD: Bob Morus (Chair), Kevin Chambers (Vice Chair), Eugenia Keegan (Chair Emeritus), Donna Morris (Treasurer), Hilda Jones, Bertony Faustin, Jason Tosch, Barbara Steele

STAFF: Tom Danowski, Marie Chambers, Jess Willey, Stacey Kohler

ABSENT: Justin King

MEETING OPENING

Call to Order

Chair B. Morus called the Oregon Wine Board public meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

Board Minutes

The Board reviewed minutes from the June 16 Oregon Wine Board meeting.

E. Keegan moved that the June 16 Board meeting minutes be approved as submitted. H. Jones seconded. The motion carried 7-0. (D. Morris not yet in the meeting).

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Education Committee Update

The Board concurred that the current Chair of the Education Committee, K. Chambers will continue as Chair until the end of 2020 with E. Keegan and B. Faustin serving as co-Vice Chairs. In January 2021 E. Keegan will Chair the Education committee with B. Faustin as Vice Chair.

Oregon Wine Symposium 2021

OWS 2021 will be held over the course of four consecutive days, tentatively February 16-19, primarily as a virtual event with the potential of organizing regional gatherings.

The Board and management were informed by an OWB Director that another Oregon wine industry organization filed an application of registration with the Secretary of State's office on May 21, 2020 to assume the business entity name "Oregon Wine Symposium." The Board asked that an Executive Session be scheduled with a DoJ lawyer present to discuss ownership of the Symposium asset and the implications of the May 21 application.

ACTION: Staff will brief the DoJ attorney on the Board's discussion. The attorney will prepare an explanation for OWB Directors defining OWS ownership criteria and the implications of the OWS registration application on OWB's interests in future Symposia.

August 11 Board meeting logistics

The Board agreed to move the August 11 Board meeting that was scheduled in-person in Corvallis to a virtual meeting due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

Review Regional meetings

J. Willey recapped the June 29 OWB Strategic Plan presentation and commented that there was good representation from the regions in attendance.

MEETING FINALIZATION

Chair B. Morus adjourned the Oregon Wine Board meeting at 4:13 p.m.