

**OREGON WINEGROWERS ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 2, 2007  
TELECONFERENCE**

**Attendees:** Steve Girard (President), Kara Olmo (Vice President), Kevin Chambers (Secretary), Casey McClellan (Treasurer), David Adelsheim, Pat Dudley, Earl Jones, Lee Mankin, Jesse Lyon, Kelly Luzania, Gary Conkling

**Guests:** Jean Driscoll, WildAire Cellars

**Staff:** Ted Farthing (Executive Director), Stephany Boettner, Hannelore Buckenmeyer, Sara Gourley, Katie Stoll

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**Call to Order**

Girard called the OWA meeting to order at 9:03am.

**Minutes Approval**

Adelsheim moved, Chambers seconded to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2007 Oregon Winegrowers Association meeting. Jones abstained; he was not present at the August 21, 2007 meeting. Motion passed.
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**Legislative Update**

Lyon updated the board on the following:

- Legal counsel is drafting comments regarding the OLCC proposed rules for minor postings. These comments will be circulated to Farthing before submitted to the OLCC.
- The Northwest TTB district office is interpreting the product integrity of record keeping. The rules indicate that a winery's own record of fruit weight is not sufficient. Fruit weight needs to be verified by either the vineyard or a third party. Legal counsel will communicate this with the industry.
- Legal counsel will talk with the OLCC regarding wineries who store wine at bonded storage facilities and wineries' license record keeping.
- Legal counsel is working with the OLCC on implementing the new direct shipping permit.

It is anticipated that the OLCC will make a decision on the proposed Oregon wine label changes at the next commissioner meeting, October 18-19, 2007.

Regarding Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) informational and cultural road signs, Conkling reported that ODOT will begin its rulemaking this month. In the meantime, signs that are currently present can remain if the proper renewal process is completed.

At the November 2007 Board retreat, the Board will develop simple priorities for groundwater and establish how legal and lobbying counsel can work toward accomplishing them.

Conkling provided the Board with an update on the two current Oregon ballot measures. With regard to Measure 49, the Oregon wine industry is doing well with showing support. We are showing political leaders that the Oregon wine industry is capable of publicly

standing for our position and appreciate that there may be disagreement with our opinion.

With regard to the 2008 special legislative session, the agenda is still forming; Conkling will keep the Board updated.

Conkling discussed the temporary halting of the No Match immigration rule. Furthermore, Conkling has joined a coalition group representing the OWA. This group is discussing immigration and working to raise awareness that foreign workers who work in agriculture, hospitality, and construction are skilled workers.

Chambers presented a current controversial issue to the Board: Yamhill County Commissioners amended contract language that would prohibit Community Progress Teams (CPT), which are non-profit, in Dundee, Dayton, Sheridan, Yamhill and Carlton from conducting fundraisers where wine is auctioned, poured or raffled. Yamhill County claims that they are making this rule based on state law. Conkling is unaware of any such rule at the state level.

Carlton Together Cares, a CPT, did not sign the contract and is in disagreement with the amended language. The concern is that government agencies are apparently making decisions that are based on moral issues of alcohol consumption. The Board agreed that Farthing and/or other OWA Directors can attend the upcoming Yamhill County Board of Commissioners meeting to provide testimony and ask them to override or eliminate the contract restrictions.

Chambers will keep the Board informed on the issue and the upcoming Yamhill County Board of Commissioners meeting date.

#### **Farm Stand Update**

No update at this time, Board will further discuss the farm stand issue in the context of how it applies the entire state during the November Board retreat.

Girard adjourned the OWA meeting at 9:59am.