

**OREGON WINEGROWERS' ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

**Attendees:** Steve Girard (President), Kara Olmo (Vice President), Kevin Chambers (Secretary), David Adelsheim, Pat Dudley, Earl Jones, Lee Mankin, Harry Peterson-Nedry, Jess Lyon

**Guest:** Myron Redford, Amity Vineyards

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

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**Call to Order**

Girard called the OWA meeting to order at 9:00am.

**Minutes Approval**

Jones moved, Chambers seconded to approve the minutes as amended of the January 9, 2007 Oregon Winegrowers' Association meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report**

July 2006 through January 2007 financials were presented to the Board. Farthing reported that the December 2006 OWA membership recruitment was successful. The Board will discuss the long term OWA funding in detail at the April 2007 meeting.

**Health Care Coverage**

Myron Redford of Amity Vineyards led the board in a discussion regarding the current situation of health care coverage in Oregon. There are two potential health care coverage reform bills that will be introduced to the Oregon legislature this year; Redford asked the Board to conceptually support these bills.

Dudley moved, Jones seconded that the Board recommend to the OWA membership to adopt the following statement as policy: The present health care system in Oregon requires fundamental reform. We support the concepts in Senate Bill 329 and the Oregon Better Health Act to provide comprehensive health care coverage to all Oregonians. Motion passed unanimously.

**Labeling**

The Board submitted a petition to initiate rulemaking to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) in the matter of OAR 845-010-0905 through OAR 845-010-940 - wine labeling rule changes. The next step is for the OLCC to communicate dates for the public to submit written comment and a public hearing.

**Legislative Report**

Reference OWA Legislative Report January 2007.

Adelsheim moved, Peterson-Nedry seconded to communicate the significant reduction in barrel taxation to the industry and terminate advocacy activity on this issue. Motion passed unanimously.

**AgJobs Bill**

The OWA Board is in support of a blue card program for immigrant workers.

Adelsheim moved, Mankin seconded that the OWA send a letter in support of the AgJobs Bill to Representative Gutierrez, Senator Feinstein and the Oregon Congressional Delegation. Motion passed unanimously.

**Oregon State Grape**

Peterson-Nedry moved, Olmo seconded that the OWA oppose HJR19 which singles out a single grape variety from an industry as diverse as the Oregon Wine Industry. In Favor: Mankin, Dudley, Girard, Adelsheim, Peterson-Nedry, Jones, Olmo. Opposed: Chambers. Motion passed.

**OWA Priorities**

The Board agreed to have monthly Board meetings to allow more time for discussion on key issues. Constituents will be notified know when and where the meetings and discussions on key issues will be held. Regarding the list of prioritized projects, Girard and Farthing will re-calculate to include all members; the document will be used for Farthing's and Staff's Management by Objectives.

Girard recessed the OWA meeting at 12:45pm

Girard adjourned the OWA meeting at 4:03pm