

OREGON WINEGROWERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2009
TELECONFERENCE

Attendees: Kara Olmo (President), Sam Tannahill (Vice President), Harry Peterson-Nedry (Secretary), David Adelsheim, Lee Mankin (Treasurer), Pat Dudley, Earl Jones, Tim Kennedy, Terry Brandborg

Staff: Ted Farthing (Executive Director), Stephany Boettner, Lavonda Driskell, Hannelore Buckenmeyer, Annie Cocchia, Katie Bray

Call to Order

Olmo called the OWA meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Minutes Approval

Kennedy moved, Tannahill seconded that the Board approve the minutes from the August 25, 2009 OWA Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Jones was not present for vote. Dudley and Brandborg abstained.

Action Items

Farthing reviewed action item checklist.

Farthing proposed moving OWA Auction planning into the new year. Adelsheim and Mankin suggested addressing at the January Board meeting.

Farthing continues to explore groundwater issues and will report findings. Olmo and Kennedy offered to provide names of individuals who may be resources for navigating environmental concerns.

Farthing communicated that the DOJ has provided draft opinion on privilege tax and it has been communicated to OLCC for final review action. Farthing or Lyon will attend Commission meeting in mid-November to inquire on status. Adelsheim requested we have clear direction to communicate to wineries by year end. Farthing will work with OLCC's O'Connor to draft processes toward clear communication and understanding.

Farthing recognized Scott Shull and the Nominating Committee members for their great efforts in providing such strong candidates to the Governor for the 2010 Board seats. Dudley requested letters be sent to those candidates who were not selected recognizing their willingness to serve the industry and proposing other Committees where their participation would be valued.

Buckenmeyer is working with Lyon to update the OWA website with answers to FAQ around land use. Dudley reported Willamette Valley Winery Association is seriously addressing the land use issue and will report their proposed recommendations to the OWA. Dudley also requested other Board members report from their regions. Farthing, Lyon and Conkling could propose bill during 2010 short-term legislative session.

Advocacy Agenda Update

Farthing presented detailed updates provided by Conkling and Lyon. Farthing asked Adelsheim to update Board on the status of the Oregon Wine Institute funding.

Adelsheim reported the appropriated \$1M for the OWI will likely be impacted as the College of Ag. Sciences implements expected cuts. Decisions are being delayed until special election in January 2010 and outcome of tax increases are known.

Additionally, monies have been directed to fill four positions, three of which are filled but likely fourth position will not be filled until funding levels are restored. OSU presently has a hold on hiring.

Jones joined the meeting at 9:40 am.

Adelsheim also updated the Board on the OWI Director search. Ramaswamy met with the OWRI Policy Board and discussed upgrading to a tenure track position to improve the potential list of candidates. The Policy Board encouraged Ramaswamy to clearly communicate this change to donors for their understanding.

Olmo recessed the OWA meeting at 9:41 am.

Olmo adjourned the OWA Meeting at 11:54 am.