

LAMORINDA WINEGROWERS ASSOCIATION (LWGA) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

**7 pm, February 16, 2015
Dave Rey Residence**

I. Call to Order

Leslie Ward called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attending:

- Leslie Ward, President
- Tim Wedlake, Treasurer
- Bill Scanlin, CIO/Board Member
- Susan Captain, Board Member
- Tony De Venuta , Board Member (newly elected)
- David Rey, Board Member
- Bill English, Board Member (newly elected)
- Saied Nazeri, Secretary

Not in Attendance:

- Carol Haag, Vice President
- Tony Inzerillo, Board Member

II. Discussions

Discussion Item	Action By
1. Leslie Ward and the board discussed the recent email from Tony Inzerillo where unfair and public accusation was made towards Larry Thal & David Parker. A motion was made by Dave Rey to not install Tony Inzerillo as a member of the new board until we understood the extent to which his email accusing Larry Thal and Dave Parker of being felons had gone beyond the members of the old board. Board also will request a retraction from Tony. Saied Nazeri seconded, voting passed unanimously. Leslie ward is attempting to call Tony to discuss.	Leslie Ward
2. The general board consensus was that the recent voting process was very successful, thanks to efforts by Bill Scanlin who orchestrated an online voting process. Bill noted that we need to make sure we have two email addresses for family member so two people can cast vote separately. Recent board elections resulted in two new board members: Bill English and Tony De Venuta.	Info

3. Board discussed that board meetings should be open to members. Future board schedule of meetings should be posted on web site for member information.	Bill S.
<p>4. Board Officer Selection results: The new board selected it officers during the February 16, 2015 board meeting. Results are:</p> <p>Leslie Ward, President Carol Haag, Vice President Tim Wedlake, Treasurer Bill Scanlin, CIO/Board Member Saied Nazeri, Secretary</p>	Info
<p>5. Other board member roles: Leslie Ward suggested that each individual board member should have a specific role. Consequently: Bill English took on the "Education Committee" Director. Bill will focus on wine making education & as co-director Susan Captain will focus on vineyard management education. Tony De Venuta and David Rey also participate in education committee. Dave Rey will continue as head of the AVA committee. Tony De Venuta is interested in leading events, membership and education. Carol Haag had volunteered earlier to work on Marketing and Public relations.</p>	Info
6. Roles and responsibilities for other board members will be developed in the near future.	Board action
<p>7. Larry Thal attended the meeting to receive and finalize the most recent comments on minutes of meeting before leaving his post. Discussed changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication to members for delinquent dues shall be by mail and email. • The board voting process discussed and agreed to in latest board meeting was subsequently re-evaluated through series of emails between all board members to form the process implemented in recent elections. The minutes will be amended to this effect. • Membership categories topic discussed. Affiliate category will stand, Associate category will remain and can include "social" type members but a separate social category did not seem necessary although no official voting took place. • Motion to approve the minutes by President and seconded by Susan Captain adding our sincerest thanks to Larry Thal who did a terrific job as secretary. Vote passed unanimously. 	Info

<p>8. Winemakers as voting members of LWGA: Susan Captain expressed concern regarding local winemakers producing wine from grapes grown in non LWGA regions which may be confused with wine made from local grapes. Bill Scanlin expressed the same concern. Tony De Venuta disagreed noting that there are not enough local grapes grown currently. Among other issues raised was can local winemakers showcase their wine made from non LWGA grapes and pour or sell under the LWGA banner or at events covered by LWGA insurance. Bill English was sympathetic to the concern. Saied Nazeri asked how AVA status applies to LWGA winemakers making wine from various sources. No consensus was achieved issues was deferred.</p> <p>The president asked the AVA committee to take on this issue and formulate a strategy.</p>	<p>Info, AVA Committee</p>
<p>9. Vintner qualification: During discussion on item 8 above question was raised about what constitutes a grower. Will two or three plants in the ground qualify one as member wine grower? Several minimum number of plants were recommended. Saied Nazeri suggested that we should not raise the bar so high to exclude small backyard vineyards who were early members. Bill English suggested we qualify in our bylaws that those with a minimum of 25 vines qualify as growers. Bill Scanlin seconded, all voted yes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Furthermore, Bill English suggested that we grandfather in the few who have fewer than 25 vines and have been members. There was no voting but there was no dissent.</p>	<p>Info, Change to bylaws</p>
<p>10. Updates to Bylaws: with respect to pending updates to bylaws discussed previously herein Leslie Ward requested that board members review current bylaws and come to next meeting ready to discuss changes. Motion seconded by Dave Rey . All approved.</p>	<p>Board members</p>
<p>11. Treasure's report: Tim Wedlake presented his proposed draft 2015 budget. The board discussed needing to raise funds. He suggested a combination of options including: dropping early bird discount, increasing membership fees and increasing the membership numbers. Saied Nazeri suggested implementing all of the above. After further discussions Tim Wedlake motioned to implement the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop early bird discount going forward • Increase fee to \$65 single & \$110 family <p>Leslie seconded and all voted yes.</p>	<p>Tim Wedlake</p>
<p>12. AVA Map: Dave Rey made a motion to change the definition of "Lamorinda" for purposes of our membership to be consistent with the boundaries of the proposed AVA.</p>	<p>Dave Rey</p>
<p>13. Next Libation will be in Moraga Home Kitchen restaurant.</p>	<p>Indo, Carol</p>

Additional cost of \$150 was requested by restaurant owner which is starting to make this venue expense as an option. Members discussed a nominal charge of 10 to 15 dollars to cover the cost without needing general funds. Bill Scanlin will send out invitations with an option to purchase tickets online. Future alternate location options to be explored. Date is Thursday March 26.	Haag
14. Next Board meeting to be on April 6, 2015.	Info

Next General Meeting – TBD

Unfinished Business, Follow-Up Business, To Do List

Actions:

1. ***No other separate action other than items in the action column. .***

III. Adjournment

Leslie Ward asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimous.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:40

PREPARED BY Saied Nazeri, LWGA

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