

JANUARY 27, 2022

Held by video conference

Attendance:

Members:

Morgan Juniper	16 Mile Cellar
Greg Berti, Emma Garner	Andrew Peller Ltd.
Paul Kassebaum	Arterra Canada
Karen Matthews	Burning Kiln
Leonard Pennachetti	Cave Spring
Derek Cartlidge	Colio Wines
Nik Antunovich	Coopers Hawk
Rob Power	Creekside
Thomas Green	Diamond Estate Wines
Louise Engel	Featherstone Winery
Jennifer Hart	Flat Rock Cellars
Caitlin Kern, Rene Van Ede	Foreign Affair Winery
Paul Speck	Henry of Pelham
Jay Johnston	Hidden Bench
Adnan Icel	Icellars
Vadim Chelekhov	Kacaba
Kerrin Flisar	Konzelmann Estate Winery
Nadia Senchuk	Leaning Post
Adam Kern	Lundy Manor
Tommaso Magnotta	Magnotta Winery Estates
Gavin Robertson	Niagara College Teaching Winery
Ann Neydon Wilson	Oxley Estate
Martin Werner	Ravine Vineyards
Dan Sullivan	Rosehall Run
Sue-Ann Staff	Sue-Ann Staff
Benjamin Whitty	The Thirteenth Street Winery
Krista Tremblay	Two Sisters Vineyard
Brian Schmidt	Vineland Estates
Madison Vandenham	Vivace Estate
Ken Douglas	Ex-officio member (Past-Chair)
Tony Elenis	Ex-officio member (Ontario Restaurant, Hotel and Motel Association)
Mary Shenstone	Ex-officio member (Government of Ontario)
Kevin Watson	Ex-officio member (Grape Growers Ontario)

Other attendees:

Minister Ross Romano, Debbie Kontos, Samantha Pinto, Laura Campbell, Alexander Janack	Ministry of Government and Consumer Services
Mary Jane Combe, Debbie Zimmerman	Grape Growers Ontario
Mark Kopstick	Kopstick Osher LLP (auditors)
Aaron Dobbin	Wine Growers Ontario
Laurie Macdonald, Katherina Radcliffe, Peter Harris, Susan Piovesan, Stan Loree, Tricia Ramnath	Ontario Wine Appellation Authority

1. Opening of meeting

B. Schmidt, Chair of the Board of Directors, welcomed members and guests. He confirmed quorum had been reached and called the meeting to order.

Minister Ross Romano brought greetings from the Ontario government. He commended the Authority on its efficiency and success facing pandemic challenges while ensuring continued consumer confidence in VQA wines. He added he would look forward to getting to know the industry in his new role.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION Be it resolved that the agenda for the July 23, 2021 meeting of members be approved as presented. Moved by P. Kassebaum, seconded by T. Elenis. Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2020

The minutes of the AGM of August 13, 2020 were approved.

MOTION Be it resolved that the minutes of the annual meeting of members held on August 13, 2020 be approved as presented. Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by P. Speck. Carried.

3. Finance Report

3.1 2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements

M. Kopstick, Auditor for the Ontario Wine Appellation Authority, reviewed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

MOTION Be it resolved that the audited financial statements be received. Moved by D. Cartlidge, seconded by G. Berti. Carried.

3.2 Appointment of Auditors

The Chair noted that a financial audit was required on an annual basis and called for a motion to appoint auditors.

MOTION Be it resolved that Kopstick, Osher Chartered Accountants, LLP be appointed as financial auditors for the financial year beginning April 1, 2021. Moved by D. Cartlidge, seconded by P. Speck. Carried.

4. Chair's and Executive Director's Remarks

The Chair and Executive Director presented a review of the year's activities and operational changes. The Chair highlighted fiscal restraint and staff efforts resulting in the membership fee waiver. He also reviewed significant efficiencies that have been achieved with bringing the tasting panels in-house and will continue with the winery audit program. The full text of the Chair's message is available in the Annual Report.

5. Members Forum

The Chair opened the floor and asked members to bring forward any questions, comments or issues. No issues were raised. The Chair thanked members for their support and understanding during a challenging year.

6. Election of Directors

The Executive Director reviewed the nomination and election procedures and announced the list of nominated candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors. Voting was held using electronic means. The results were announced and ratified.

MOTION That acclaimed Board members be affirmed as follows:

Large-class winery member:

Greg Berti (Andrew Peller Limited) 3-year term (acclaimed)

Medium-class winery member:

Amelie Boury (Chateau des Charmes) 3-year term (acclaimed)

Small-class winery member:

Nadia Senchuk (Leaning Post Wines) 3-year term (elected)

Moved by M. Shenstone, seconded by D. Sullivan. Carried

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.