



2016 Grape & Wine Issues Caucus



Coordinated in partnership by:
Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers and Washington Wine Institute

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Yakima Convention Center, 10 N 8th St, Yakima

Check-in 9:30 AM
Program: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Reception: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Price-

Member of WAWGG or WWI: \$50
Non-member of either: \$75

9:30 AM - Check-in

10:00 AM - Welcome and Introductions

Issues Facing the Washington Grape and Wine Industry in Olympia and Washington DC

Speakers:

- Marty Clubb, Board President, WWI
- Todd Newhouse, Board Chair, WAWGG

10:15 AM - State Issues Overview

Speakers:

- Vicky Scharlau, Executive Director, WAWGG
- Josh McDonald, Executive Director, WWI
- Mike Schwisow, Director Government Affairs, WAWGG

10:15 AM - Legislative

Election Results: Impact on the Grape and Wine Industry

- Elected positions and Initiatives

K-12 Funding Implication

2017 Session

- Pesticide Limitations
- Water Rights/Access
 - OCR Legislative Request
- Farmworker Minimum Wage and Overtime Pay
- Maximum Hauling Load Limits
- Alcohol Related Legislation

11:00 AM - Regulatory

- Washington State Department of Ag
 - Use Restricted Pesticide Rule

- Rulemaking on SO2
 - Speaker: Joel Kangiser, Policy Assistant, Pesticide Management Division, Washington State Department of Agriculture
- Washington State Department of Ecology
 - Water Quality Guidance/BMP's for Ag
 - Winery Wastewater Permit
- Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board
 - Rulemaking

11:40 AM - Roundtable

12:00 PM - Lunch

12:45 PM - Washington State Vineyard Expansion

Water Availability for Vineyard Expansion: Acquiring, Changing, and Protecting Water Rights

Speaker:

- Daniel Haller, PE, CWRE, Principal Engineer, Aspect Consulting, LLC

1:30 PM - Federal Issues Overview

Speakers:

- Michael Kaiser, Director of Public Affairs, WineAmerica, Washington DC
- Joe Bischoff, PhD, Cornerstone Government Affairs, Winegrape Growers of America, Washington DC

Election Results: Impact on the Grape and Wine Industry

- Presidential and Congressional

1:45 PM

Legislative-

- Farm Bill
 - Specialty Crop Research Initiative
 - 10007 Funds-National Clean Plant Network
 - Specialty Crop Block Grants
- USDA funding for projects and research

Immigration Reform

Ag Exports and Trade Policy

GMO Labeling

TTB Funding

Federal Excise Tax Reform

Regulatory-

U.S. Department of Ag

- National Clean Plant Network
- Updated Biotechnology regulations
 - Definitions (gene editing, embryo rescue)
- Research funding
- Invasive pests
- Market Access Program Funding

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- Pesticide Policy
- Waters of the U.S.

U.S. Department of Treasury- Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

- Appellation of Origin
- Reverse Osmosis

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

- Menu Labeling

Music licensing

3:00 PM - Roundtable

3:30 PM - Washington Winery Wastewater General Permit

Speaker:

- Stacey Calloway, Water Quality Program Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology

4:00 PM - Q&A

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM - Wine Reception

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