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THE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF WINE GRAPE GROWERS (WAWGG) SERVES AS THE SYNERGISTIC LEADER AND UNIFYING VOICE – THROUGH ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION – FOR GROWERS, VINTNERS, PARTNERS, AND POLICYMAKERS.

WAWGG envisions a thriving industry – recognized globally – for quality wines and vineyards, supported by education and leading-edge research. WAWGG’s purpose is to assimilate and disseminate information relevant to the Washington State wine grape growing and wine production industry; to promote the well-being of the industry through public and political awareness; to support research benefiting the industry; to provide connection between related interests, including growers, wineries, laborers, marketers, supporting industries, higher educational institutions, and various government agencies and officials.



WASHINGTON WINE INSTITUTE

THE WASHINGTON WINE INSTITUTE IS THE LEADING ADVOCATE FOR WASHINGTON WINERIES.

The Washington Wine Institute (WWI) has been the voice for Legislative and regulatory advocacy for Washington wineries for over 25 years, representing more than 150 individual wineries whose combined production accounts for over 95 percent of the wine produced in Washington. WWI’s notable member wineries reflect the broad range of wineries doing business in Washington State, from the very smallest operations to the largest. WWI has a strong record of working on behalf of the industry with the Washington State Legislature, Executive offices and relevant regulatory agencies to improve the business climate for wine through progressive reform of state wine and liquor laws.

9:30 AM **CHECK-IN**

10:00 AM **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Issues Facing the Washington Grape and Wine Industry in Olympia and Washington, D.C.

Marty Clubb, Board President, WWI

Todd Newhouse, Board Chair, WAWGG

10:15 AM **STATE ISSUES OVERVIEW**

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
 - Office of Congressional Relations Legislative Request
- Farmworker Minimum Wage and Overtime Pay
- Maximum Hauling Load Limits
- Alcohol-Related Legislation

11:00 AM **REGULATORY**

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)

- Use-Restricted Pesticide Rule
- Rulemaking on SO₂
Joel Kangiser, Policy Assistant, Pesticide Management Division, WSDA

Washington State Department of Ecology (WSDE)

- Water Quality Guidance/Best Management Practices for Agriculture
- 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

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

1:30 PM FEDERAL ISSUES OVERVIEW

Michael Kaiser, Director of Public Affairs, WineAmerica

Joe Bischoff, PhD, Cornerstone Government Affairs, Winegrape Growers of America

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

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Funding for Projects and Research

Immigration Reform

Agricultural Exports and Trade Policy

Genetically Modified Organism Labeling

Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau (TTB) Funding

Federal Excise Tax Reform

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REGULATORY

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- 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 TTB

- 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

Stacey Calloway, Water Quality Program Manager, DOE

4:00 PM

Q&A

4:30 PM

WINE RECEPTION

5:30 PM

SAFE JOURNEY HOME

FEATURED SPEAKERS

DANIEL HALLER



Daniel R. Haller, PE, CWRE, is a Principal Water Resources Engineer at Aspect Consulting, LLC. He is a state-recognized water rights expert, and his background includes management of storage and conservation projects, water banking and water rights transfers, and water system design and financial planning experience.

Before joining Aspect, Mr. Haller spent more than a decade with the Department of Ecology where he worked on hundreds of water rights and managed multi-million dollar grant projects for the Office of the Columbia River.

DR. JOE BISCHOFF



Dr. Joe Bischoff joined the agriculture and natural resources team at Cornerstone Government Affairs in spring of 2015, where he consults for specialty and row crop-grower groups, crop protection organizations, and academic institutions on federal agency activities and legislative issues. Previously, Joe was Regulatory & Legislative Affairs Director for AmericanHort, focused on the intersection of federal programs and science-based solutions to plant health and crop production challenges. He served on the National Invasive Species Council's Invasive Species Advisory Committee, was a member of the National Clean Plant Network's (NCPN) commodity committee for Fruit Trees, NCPN board member for Roses and research committee member for the National Ornamentals Research Site at Dominican University of California. Joe has been a scientific reviewer and panel chair for research programs within the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS).

Before entering the private sector, Dr. Bischoff was with the USDA-APHIS where he was National Mycologist and Lead Scientist on the APHIS Intercepted Plant Pathogen Sequence Initiative. Following the completion of his doctoral degree from Rutgers University in 2004, Joe was the Fungal Taxonomist for GenBank, the National Institutes of Health's genetic sequence database. He has authored over 30 peer-reviewed publications and was awarded the USDA-APHIS's Deputy Administrator's Safeguarding Award (2011), for his "exceptional work in safeguarding America's agricultural and natural resources."

MICHAEL KAISER



As Director of Public Affairs for WineAmerica, Michael is the main point of contact for the organization and liaises with Congress and the Executive Branch. Working with WineAmerica's government affairs team, Michael works to make sure the interests of WineAmerica's members and the American wine industry are well served in our nation's capital. This includes working with the various state and regional winery associations and WineAmerica's grassroots network as well as our other alcohol commodity partners in Washington, D.C.

Michael also manages all external communications for WineAmerica. This includes press outreach and membership communication. Michael also actively recruits new membership for WineAmerica while getting the association's message out to the masses. Michael is a regular fixture at industry trade shows and conferences throughout the country. He has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Associated Press*, *Vineyard and Winery Management Magazine*, *Wines and Vines* and *Wine Spectator*. He is a board member of the National Grape and Wine Initiative and Free the Grapes.

Prior to joining WineAmerica in 2006, Michael provided research and logistical support to two D.C.-based lobbying firms. He also handled compliance issues with a major political party. Michael earned his BA in American Studies and Political Science from Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ and a MA in Political Science from American University in Washington, D.C.



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