

9/23/24

GAC Meeting

11:00am - 11:40am

Attendees: Emma, Hannah, Jessica Oski, Bob Montgomery, Jack Droppa, Matt Wilson (Chair), Chris Kesler, Terry Thompson

- Matt/Emma Feedback -
 - Jack said few ideas for bills we didn't chat about
 - Terry wants to discuss reclassifying licenses
 - Distilling doesn't have any ideas on bills to bring forward but staffing distributors to pour for distributor shows.
- 2 year session - all lawmakers up for reelection, january everything becomes new, everything starts fresh.
- Jessica thinks it is a good idea to reclassify licenses, but it can become a jumble, lawmakers are going to want everything done, full baked idea supported by all.
 - Start talking with DLL and other licensees and work outside the legislature and then bring it to them the following year. Prefer to sign off on agreements everyone is in favor of.
- Jack - introduce a quantifiable language into sampling permit statute (tickets, or tokens)
 - See how wine fest goes next year - Jessica thinks lawmakers would want a system in place to enforce the limits.
- Wine Merchants - throw wine festivals some of the membership have involvement with them.
- Fall meeting with DLL - Permits - reason behind distributors not able to pour for manufacturers. What is the policy behind it?
 - [Regulations # 2](#): Employees of wholesale dealers are not to be employed as representatives of distilleries distributing fortified wines or spirits in Vermont or by a holder of a manufacturer's license.
 - Doesn't specifically state malt manufacturer but also states a manufacturer's license.
 - [Linked here](#)
- Taxes - RTD and beer - feedback we could be defending competitive advantage for our industry. We should protect interest of our collective group
- Can't have a tax policy that favors in state, could say different in ABV or barrelage
- 1.10/gal up to 12% anything over goes through the state.
 - Birong - interested - Jessica check approach.
- DTC Reciprocity between states - Vermont is only allowed to ship to 9 but 20 states can ship here.
 - Bob wants on back on the table this session - follows with spirits another industry that is restrained in trade for shipping.
- Set up meeting with DLL in the next month or so

Weekly Meetings - starting in January - talk later date on dates and time. Most likely Monday 11am.