



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board DATE: November 12, 2019
FROM: Erika McConnell, Director RE: Director's Report

OPERATIONS

Jed Smith, Local Government Specialist, gave notice and left AMCO at the end of September. His position description needs to be updated before the position is filled.

REGULATIONS

Attached to this report is a regulations projects status spreadsheet.

LOCAL OPTION

On October 3, 2019, there were three local option elections in Alaska.

The City of Bethel voted to establish local option under AS 04.11.491(a)(2), limiting alcohol sales only at restaurant or eating place licenses. The Bethel City Council certified the results of the election on October 8. Per AS 04.11.503, a "license in effect within the boundaries of the municipality or perimeter of the established village, and in unincorporated areas within five miles of the boundaries of the municipality, except the type of license listed on the ballot, is void 90 days after the results of the election are certified." The two package store licenses located in Bethel have been notified that their licenses are void on January 6, 2020. At this time, there is one restaurant or eating place license in Bethel.

The City of Kasaan had a local option provision on their ballot, asking voters if the sale of alcoholic beverages should be prohibited except by a restaurant or eating place licensee. The ballot measure failed by a vote of 7 yeas and 11 nays.

The City of Marshall is currently a local option community, banning the sale, importation, and possession of alcohol. A provision on their ballot in October asked voters if the sale of alcoholic beverages should be prohibited except by a municipally-operated package store, but the ballot measure did not include language required by AS 04.11.491(d) and AS 04.11.493. Because the ballot language did not conform to statutory requirements, that portion of the election could not be certified. The city is working on re-doing the election.

NEXT MEETING

The next ABC Board meeting is scheduled for January 21-22, 2020 in Juneau. The intent is to start the meeting at 1pm on the 21st with a full day planned for the 22nd.

Applications must be deemed complete and any other documents for the board must be submitted to our office by January 3, 2020, to be on the meeting agenda.