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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcohol Beverage Control Board
DATE: August 17, 2021
FROM: Glen Klinkhart, Director
RE: Director's Report

BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION:

By the time this memorandum is published, the ABC board will have held its August 16th, 2021 board orientation meeting in Nome. The agenda for this board training was scheduled to include presentations by Joan Wilson, Bob Klein, and myself on various topics requested by the board.

PERSONNEL:

Although Ms. Craig will brief you on the details, I wish to express my pleasure with the news of two very qualified candidates who have joined the AMCO licensing team and have thus completely filled our staff ranks for the first time in my tenure. Please welcome Colleen Button and Lee Bulaong-Guinto to AMCO!

Additionally, after over a year of working solo and not having any direct assistance or support Melissa Walter has been able to hire her administrative assistant who will be starting at AMCO this month!

With Investigator Chiesa moving from his most northern post to become the new Matanuska Susitna Valley AMCO Enforcement Officer next month we are now searching for a good candidate who can fill his very large and capable shoes in Fairbanks.

Please note being at nearly full staff at AMCO is a huge gain for the board, the industry, and the public. That being said hiring the new staff members and elevating others to new roles and responsibilities means we will be less efficient and effective until the entire team can fully function in their new roles. My estimations are the licensing team will be trained and operational by the end of the year, so everyone's patience is appreciated as we fully "train up" our amazing staff.

COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING/ENFORCEMENT:

For the second board meeting in a row I have the pleasure to inform the board that we are moving forward with even more community-based enforcement opportunities. By the time of this ABC board meeting, Southeastern AMCO Enforcement Officer Steve Johnson will have travelled to the city of Haines by invitation of the Haines Police Department to meet with local licensees as well as members of the Haines community. Our intention is to hold a day of discussions to work on ways to reduce potential issues of over serving and to protect the public. Our newest ABC board member, Jan Hill, who is also a very prominent and well-respected member of Haines, has been invited to attend and we hope will be a part of the ongoing discussions.

AMCO/ABC BOARD LEGISLATIVE AUDIT:

I am still awaiting a final meeting in regard to the eventual completion of the scheduled legislative audit of the ABC board. I will work with the board chairman when we know when such a meeting will take place and will let all of you know when we have more information available to us.

ABC BOARD MEETING MINUTES & RECORDINGS:

Just a reminder that all ABC board meeting minutes and audio recordings are now online and available for the public to access. Each set of meeting minutes and audio recordings is saved with the meeting documents in their respective meeting date.

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/ABCMeetingDocuments.aspx>

NEXT MEETING:

The next ABC Board meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2021 in Anchorage, Alaska.



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