



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcohol Beverage Control Board

DATE: October 20, 2020

FROM: Glen Klinkhart, Interim Director

RE: Director's Report

OPERATIONS:

The office and staff for the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board have been working diligently processing Alcohol license renewals. We are currently down one Licensing Examiner however the position opening has been posted and we look forward to filling the spot as soon as possible.

Without going into specific COVID19 or specific medical situations, the AMCO COVID19 Contingency Plans have proven valuable to help ensure the staff continues to be safe, and in some cases, helped to insure the ongoing safety of the staff in the office as well as those who are working remotely.

ABC/MCB ENFORCEMENT WORKING SESSION:

In September 2020 both boards held separate Enforcement Working Sessions (ABC on September 30, and MCB on September 9th, 2020). These meetings were extremely successful and the work derived from them continues to move the AMCO enforcement group forward.

AMCO Enforcement Principals – Enforcement Supervisor James Hoelscher has been working on refining the Enforcement Principals discussed by the board and will have those shortly for both boards to review.

AMCO Enforcement Policies and Procedures were also discussed and are ongoing in their development. One question brought up was the issue of making such policies public. After contacting both the Alaska Department of Public Safety and the Anchorage Police Department, both organizations make their policies available to the public, and thus when our Enforcement policies are finalized, I intend to request that any such policies become public as well.

AMCO Enforcement Fine Schedule – Possible fine schedules for consideration by both boards were discussed. It appears each board does have the ability to levy fines for specific accusations

in certain circumstances which we believe will fit in nicely with the proposed AMCO Enforcement Processes being finalized. Similarly, the Marijuana Board has begun a working group specifically designed to consider a reasonable fine schedule, one which is similar to those fines proposed in the latest SOA Title 4 Alcohol legislation.

AMCO Enforcement Process -

The alcohol statutes and regulation are just different enough from the Marijuana regulations that some minor changes to the AMCO Enforcement Processes are being made. These are not large changes, but they are enough that two separate charts were necessary to help communicate the entire scope of the process. Additionally, there may need to be some additional regulatory changes for consideration by the board to help keep the process fair and moving forward, however these will be brought forth at another meeting or special working session.

ABC/MCB 2021 CALENDAR:

Here are the proposed ABC/MCB 2021 calendar meeting dates for your review.

January 2021

ABC January 5th, 2021, Juneau, Alaska* Consideration request by MCB Chair

MCB January 6th – January 7th, 2021, Juneau, Alaska* Consideration request by MCB Chair

March 2021

ABC March 30th, 2021, Anchorage, Alaska

MCB March 31st – April 1st, 2021, Anchorage, Alaska

June 2021

ABC June 8th, 2021, Fairbanks, Alaska

MCB June 9th – June 10th, 2021, Fairbanks, Alaska

August 2021

ABC August 17th, 2021, Nome, Alaska

MCB August 18th – August 19th, 2021, Nome, Alaska

October 2021

ABC October 26th, 2021, Anchorage, Alaska

MCB October 27 – October 28th, 2021, Anchorage, Alaska

NEXT MEETING:

The next ABC Board meeting is scheduled for January 5th, 2021. The Juneau, in person, location has not been finalized.*

SPECIAL PROJECT(S):

The AMCO office is working on a project to allow alcohol licensees to utilize their MyAlaska accounts to pay their licensing and renewal fees. We will keep you apprised as to the results of our project.

UPCOMING SPECIAL BOARD SESSIONS:

Depending on the outcome of the Governor's end date of November 15, 2020 for the emergency declarations, the staff and Assistant A.G. Joan Wilson have been working to have ready for the board's consideration, reinstatement of the ongoing marijuana and alcohol emergency regulations. Both boards will likely be affected by any changes to the Governor's orders come November. At this time no meeting date for a regulations special session has been determined.

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