



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Alcohol Beverage Control Board  
**DATE:** March 30, 2021  
**FROM:** Glen Klinkhart, Director  
**RE:** Director's Report

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

I would like to welcome the three (3) new Alcohol Beverage Control Board Members to the board:

Diane Thompson, Representative for the Industry  
John Cox, Representative for the Public at large  
Dave Koch, Representative for Public Safety

Welcome aboard!

We would like all of the board members to consider attending a half day working group meeting hosted by AMCO where presenters will provide ABC members (and the public) with speakers and information regarding such topics as the history of the board, public meetings and other topics important to new (and tenured) board members.

Additionally, the staff and members of the ABC board would like this board as a whole to consider a resolution thanking the outgoing Chairman Glenn Brady for his time and commitment to the entire ABC board, the staff, the public, and the licensees especially during this difficult year of the pandemic.

**PERSONNEL:**

The two unfilled positions, AMCO Program Coordinator and Local Government Specialist, have been forwarded for posting and hiring. We are hoping to begin the search for qualified candidates immediately.

**TELEWORK:**

We are expecting word soon as to whether the SOA will be ending the teleworking agreements in the middle of April. AMCO has already begun processing our plans of slowly re-integrating staff into the office using a rotational process in-office schedule for licensing and soon enforcement staff. The use of teleworking is another tool which has proven to be helpful in some

areas of the AMCO working flow and we will continue to look for ways to utilize it as we move forward and to create our version of “normal” office operations.

**LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL BACKLOG:**

Like last year at this time there are many applications backlogged due to renewal season, COVID19, and staffing hires. Licensing Supervisor Carrie Craig will give you updated numbers in her licensing report. In response AMCO has issued a large number of temporary licenses so those who are still in the queue can continue to serve their customers. That being said, last year the board agreed to meet in a short special session to approve any lagging and completed renewals or applications. I wish to request the board consider meeting for a couple hours in late April to approve these additional renewals and new applications so licensees can prepare for what we hope will be a much better summer season than last year.

**WAIVERS:**

Due to the pandemic the ABC board agreed to waive the fees associated with the filing of an AB-29: Waiver Application for the year 2020 when a licensee was unable to meet the minimum operating requirement of 240 hours a year. AS 04.11.330, 3 AAC 304.170.

There are currently 154 waiver applications submitted and logged into our spreadsheet for 2020.

Beverage Dispensary:	25 * 1250 =	31,250
Beverage Dispensary Seasonal:	27 * 625 =	16,875
Restaurant/Eating:	10 * 300 =	3,000
Restaurant/Eating Seasonal:	6 * 150 =	900
Package Store:	16 * 750 =	12,000
Package Store Seasonal:	2 * 375 =	750
Distillery:	1 * 500 =	500
Wholesale General:	1 * 1000 =	1,000
Outdoor Rec Lodge:	1 * 625 =	625
Outdoor Rec Lodge Seasonal:	5 * 312.50 =	1,562.50
Brewery:	1 * 500 =	500
Common Carrier:	10 * 500 =	5,000
Common Carrier Seasonal:	47 * 250 =	11,750
Destination Resort Seasonal:	1 * 312.50 =	312.50
Rec Site Seasonal:	1 * 400 =	400
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$86,425</b>

Keep in mind the fees represented here are half the license fee as if this waiver was the licensee’s first waiver so it is absolutely the bare minimum of what we would have collected during a “regular” year and will likely be closer to \$100,000 in unpaid fees.

**ABC BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

With the larger number of board meetings in the past year, Licensing Supervisor Carrie Craig has spent a great deal of time putting together the minutes for the various emergency and regular board meetings. A great big thank you to her for getting these together for your review.

**ABC BOARD MEETING RECORDINGS:**

All ABC board meeting audio recordings are now online and available for the public to access. Each meeting audio recording is saved in with the meeting documents for their respective meeting date.

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next ABC Board meeting is currently scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Fairbanks.

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