

**From:** [AMCO Admin \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Marijuana, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public attendee feedback  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 11:10:50 AM

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**From:** Malan Paquette <malanpaquette@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 6:32 PM  
**To:** AMCO Admin (CED sponsored) <amco.admin@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Public attendee feedback

I listened to the Special Meeting today [Alcohol] Control Board, Ethics review, training type meeting.

And wanted to ad that, yes, people view the State of Alaska Online Public Notices. We see where there is a place to attach agenda and this/these boards don't. Some boards even note agenda items in the Public Notice which is most helpful in knowing what's to be discussed at a public meeting or special meeting.

And I attended other public meetings this month which didn't make call-in information available, so thank you for that.

And I appreciate the multi-disciplinary collaboration present at both board(s) meetings [MJ, Alcohol, and staff from DOL].

I attended telephonic.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Malan N. Paquette, MA

**From:** [Cass Ferree](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Craig, Carrie D \(CED\)](#); [DCCED Commissioner \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#); [Kawasaki, Scott Jw \(LEG\)](#); [Byrnes, Joseph F \(LEG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in support of online bidding for wine auction packages  
**Date:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 11:27:51 AM  
**Attachments:** [MF Copy Scan\\_20210902\\_143335.pdf](#)

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To the ABC Board,

Please find the attached letter in support of interpreting 3 AAC 304.699, the regulations governing wine auction permits, to allow for use of online bidding through silent auction, or the modification of the regulation to specifically permit online bidding for wine auction packages.

The HIPOW Auction & Dinner in support of the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks will be held October 9, 2021. At this point, we are hopeful we can hold an in-person event with limited attendance. However, given the pandemic, it's possible we may not be able to hold an in-person event. For this reason among others, the ability to auction wine packages online would be very beneficial. We hope a decision can be made soon.

Sincerely,

**Cassandra Ferree**

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September 2, 2021

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This letter is in support of interpreting 3 AAC 304.699, the regulations governing wine auction permits, to allow for use of online bidding through silent auction, or the modification of the regulation to specifically permit online bidding for wine auction packages. Last year, under the emergency regulations adopted by the ABC Board, online bidding was permitted, and no significant issues arose with the process.

1. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, limiting attendance at indoor events is highly recommended. If bidding is limited to the number of people physically present in the room, there is a significantly smaller pool of people to bid on an auction package. The key to a successful auction is having a crowd of motivated bidders. Fewer bidders and tight restrictions will reduce auction proceeds and hurt Alaska non-profits.
2. Auctions have changed over the past several years. Paper bid sheets are a thing of the past. The vast majority of silent auctions take place virtually (online). Guests bid on silent auction packages from their phones or tablets even if they are physically present in the room. Online bidding has been a great asset amid this pandemic because it allows people to socially distance while supporting Alaska's non-profits.
3. Given the majority of silent auctions take place online even if people are physically present in a room, if wine packages are limited to in-person auction only, they must be auctioned in an oral auction. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, we may not be able to hold our in-person event. Not being able to auction any wine packages this year would hinder Alaska non-profits' ability to raise funds and/or meet fundraising goals.

The purchaser of a wine auction package must come in person and show ID in order to pick up the wine. Shipping of wine is not permitted. Auction winners are not permitted to send a designee to pick up the wine.

We recommend requiring the addition of a line like this to all wine auction packages, "To bid on this package, you must be age 21+, an Alaska resident with a valid ID, and be able to pick up your wine in-person at the auction venue during the designated pick-up times."

Alaska's non-profits appreciate your hard work and support. Allowing for online bidding of wine auction packages during a pandemic, but also into the future, will help us raise more funds and, therefore, do more good in our local communities.

Sincerely,

Amanda B. Angaiak  
President, Monroe Foundation, Inc.

Cassandra Ferree  
Development Director, Monroe Foundation, Inc.

**From:** [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Craig, Carrie D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you  
**Date:** Friday, September 10, 2021 1:03:36 PM  
**Attachments:** [MF letter to AMCO 9.2.2021.pdf](#)

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Please add this to the board public mailbox.

Klink

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**From:** yuri morgan <yuri@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 11:17 AM  
**To:** Klinkhart, Glen Edward (CED) <glen.klinkhart@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank you

Hi Glen,

Attached is the September 2 letter from the Monroe Foundation to the AMCO. As mentioned, the Foundation has since decided to take its HIPOW (Happiness is Paying Our Way) event virtual again this year at the advice of Fairbanks area medical professionals.

Apart from COVID and emergency declarations, we would appreciate your and the Board's consideration for amending its regulations governing wine auction permits to allow for use of online bidding. If you think you'd need statutory authorization to do so – i.e. [SB9](#) – I would be happy to assist.

Thanks again for your time today.

Yuri Morgan  
907.388.8611



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