

Meeting Minutes

Amador County Wine Heritage District
Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 AM Tuesday, January 6, 2026
9313 Pacific St, Plymouth, CA 95669

Attendees: John Di Stasio, Robert D'Agostini, Jeff Runquist, Paul Sobon, Milind Pansare, Jess Havill, Anamieke Kegge, Spencer Jones, Daisy D'Agostini, and Megan Van Hook

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Robert D'Agostini.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: John Di Stasio, Robert D'Agostini, Jeff Runquist, Paul Sobon, Milind Pansare, Jess Havill, and Anamieke Kegge

- Absent: N/A
- A quorum was established

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

- No conflict of interest stated

John Di Stasio made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 seating three (3) newly elected Directors for their respective terms and appointing officers of the Board for 2026.

- Second by Paul Sobon
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

Jeff Runquist made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 appointing committee chairs and committee members for the 2026 term.

- Second by John Di Stasio
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved
- Established Meeting Dates and Times:
 - Board Meetings will continue to be held the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00am.
 - Education Committee: Second Monday of each month at 9AM
 - Events Committee: Second Tuesday of each month at 9AM
 - Finance Committee: Third Tuesday of each month at 9AM
 - Policy Committee: Third Tuesday of each month at 11AM
 - Marketing Committee: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 9AM

Paul Sobon made a motion to approve December 2025 meeting minutes

- Second by John Di Stasio
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

John Di Stasio made a motion to approve November 2025 financials

- Second by Anamieke Kegge
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

DIRECTOR REPORT

Domain/Operations

- The website domain transition to Gmail was completed in December, which provides additional access to project management tools and email at a reduced cost.
- The monthly cost decreased from \$150 to \$95.

Ticket Sales Update

- **Four Fires:** 78 tickets sold, totaling \$9,377 in sales.
- **Behind the Cellar Door:** 50 tickets sold, totaling \$4,622. A challenge was noted due to pushback on the lack of Saturday-only ticket options.
- Current sales are generated solely from the waitlist and a single email blast.

Marketing/Brand Launch Strategy

- MKW recommended scheduling the major launch event after the official Brand launch to serve as a focused invitation to Amador Wine Country.
- Increased marketing efforts are planned for the coming week.

2026 Regional Association Leadership Forum

- Date & Location: Monday, March 9, in Sacramento.
- Source: Invitation received from the Wine Institute and the California Association of Winegrape Growers.
- Attendance: Staff are encouraged to attend along with one volunteer/board leader.
- Focus: Key industry issues, board engagement, and peer collaboration.
- Anamieke Kegge offered to attend with Megan Van Hook

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None at this time

ACWHD ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Executive Director has been directed to contact HDL to collect information pertaining to who has not paid, what has the collection process been on their end, and what are the next steps for non paying members.

- Table the recommendation from the Education Committee to designate regional areas until the Education Committee socializes the regions with the wineries within the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee: None at this time

Marketing Committee: None at this time

Events Committee: None at this time

Finance Committee: Refer to the email sent by Jeff Runquist with a 2025 recap.

Policy Committee: Will bring additional policy for approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Executive Director was directed to send a general outreach to the Amador County Board of Supervisors (2-3 Board members at a time) in the month of February or March.
- The Executive Director was directed to spearhead a presentation to the Board of Supervisors to give our annual report in April
- The Executive Director was directed to contact entities associated with ex-officio members in order to appoint to the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

- The Board convened at 11:56AM in closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54957 (Public Employee Appointment) to discuss the Executive Director position, including Executive Director Appointment and Employment terms and conditions.
- The Board reconvened in open session at 12:21 PM.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon return to open session, John Di Stasio made a motion to approve the appointment of Megan Van Hook as Executive Director, effective January 1, 2026, with all employment terms and conditions as discussed and agreed upon in closed session.

- Second by Robert D'Agostini
- The vote was unanimous
- Motion approved

ADJURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Sobon

- Second by Anamieke Kegge
- Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM