

DRAFT MINUTES
HOP GROWERS OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING
January 24, 2019 – Monterey, CA

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm by President Blake Crosby. Roll call followed.

Administrative Financial Reports: Ann George reviewed the year-end 2018 financial reports and presented the 2019 budget.

2018 Stat Pack: Ann George presented the 2018 Statistical Packet. Copies are included on flash drives in the convention bags, and the document is posted on the USA HOPS website.

2018 Annual Report: Jaki Brophy presented the 2018 Annual Report. This document will be available on the USA HOPS website in the NEWS section.

Proposed By-Laws Revision: Ann George reviewed proposed amendments to the HGA By-Laws. These changes were distributed to all members through HOP NEWS.

MOTION: KEVIN RIEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS AS PROPOSED; SECONDED BY ANNETTE WILES. A VOTE OF THE HGA MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NO OPPOSING VOTES.

Projects and Committees:

IHGC Updates – Ann George reviewed the 2019 schedule of IHGC meetings, including the International Hop Congress in Slovenia, July 29 – August 1.

Best Practices – Carman McKinney and Ann George reviewed the formation of the new HGA Best Practices standing committee, Good Bines program and self-assessment modules. Food Safety is launched, with Risk Assessment and Water Testing in the final stages of development. Fertility is being developed for launch mid-year. Case Studies and other resources will be added. USHIPPC has budgeted \$10,000 to fund the development of pesticide related modules later this year.

USHIPPC – Ann George reviewed 2019 priorities, which include the EU Cut-Off Criteria and anticipated loss of important MRLs in that market. A panel is scheduled later today to discuss this situation in depth. Our efforts to seek harmonized MRLs in Korea are the second priority over the next 3 years.

FSMA – Ann George reported that FDA has verbally indicated willingness to reclassify hops as rarely consumed raw, thus exempting the crop from FSMA regulations. However, FDA has indicated they won't provide written documentation until the end of the first quarter of 2019. We will continue to press for timely resolution on this issue.

Small Grower Council – Annette Wiles will continue as Chair. Jason Warren will serve as Vice Chair for 2019. Eleven states were represented at yesterday's SGC meeting. Topics discussed included federal crop insurance, mentorship, sales and contracting, sensory analysis, and establishing monthly conference calls.

TEC Program: Jaki Brophy presented the final 2018 budget status and discussed priorities for 2019. Unfortunately HGA's MAP and QSP grant allocations have not been announced by USDA, so we cannot finalize our 2019 budget at this time. Jessica Lucas is restructuring the TEC budget and activity tracking

system. The Brazil trade show has been included as a new activity for 2019. Three additional new activities are being considered, but cannot be confirmed until the grants are announced: Brazil technical seminar, Australia trade show and Australia IPA contest.

2021 American Hop Convention: Rachel Becker reviewed legal advice for beer donations. Michelle Palacios discussed the 2020 American Hop Convention in Portland. Oliver Schoeder reported on the status of the Idaho Hop Growers efforts to select a site for the 2021 event.

Other Business:

2019 Meeting Schedule: The following schedule was determined for remaining 2019 meetings: March 20 at 10:00 am PT (electronic); May 21 at 10:00 am PT (electronic); July 15 at 10:00 am MT (Boise, ID); and October (date and location TBD).

Election of Officers/MOTION: ANNETTE WILES MOVED TO RETAIN THE SAME SLATE OF OFFICERS FROM 2018, INCLUDING PRESIDENT BLAKE CROSBY, VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM GAMACHE, AND SECRETARY-TREASURER JARED FAVILLA. SECONDED BY KEVIN RIEL; APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Technical Presentation: Jaki Brophy introduced and participated in a panel that included Bryan Thoet from HRC, Chris Swersey from BA, and Lindsay Barr from Draught Lab to present data on the evaluation of selections from the public hop breeding program and how it will be incorporated into a seminar in the Craft Brewers Conference Technical Track.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann George, Executive Director

Attendance - Board and Staff: Blake Crosby, Graham Gamache, Kyle Shinn, Kevin Riel, Jeff Bizon, Annette Wiles, Jason Warren, Oliver Schroeder, Ann George, Jaki Brophy, and Rachel Becker.

Members and Guests: Michelle Palacios, Diane Gooding, Candi Fitch, P. Venegas, Elizabeth Anderson, Liz Coleman, Sam Akiyama, Tom Britz, Liz Bauer, Bud Hollingbery, Devon Newhouse, Halley Newhouse, Joe Catron, Karl Vanevenhoven, Nick Zeigler, Reggie Brulotte, Gordon Tilley