

Happy 40th Anniversary PWA!

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Meeting Rescheduled for Pennsylvania Wine Association

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Wine Association has rescheduled its first meeting for March 11, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. The original meeting on January 14 was cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

The Directors will meet in Room 202, Borland Laboratory, at The Pennsylvania State University. According to Robert Stine of the Grape Advisory Council, the agenda for the meeting will remain the same as previously planned, including the election of officers, a by-laws discussion, the naming of committees, and a visit to the Penn State experimental winery facilities headed by Dr. Robert Beelman.

All grape growers, winery owners and other interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

The Pennsylvania Wine Association was formed at a meeting held at the Host Farm Resort in Lancaster on December 2, 1976. The Board of Directors, chosen at that time, include Howard Miller, Art Keen, Kathy Forest, Dick Nissley, Bob Mazza, Ron Cooper, Pete Wood, George Luke and Doug Moorhead.

Growers, Wineries Call For Pa. Statewide Association

The need for a statewide association of Pennsylvania wine growers, wine-makers and wineries was listed as the top priority at a meeting of grower and winery representatives.

The meeting was held Aug. 19 in Harrisburg prior to a meeting with members of the Pennsylvania House Liquor Control Committee and other state officials (see story above).

The informal meeting was attended by William Schultz, chairman of the Penna. Grape Marketing Advisory Council; Howard J. Miller Jr.; Bob Mazza, Ms. Susan Gross, George Luke, Blair McCord, Mrs. Kathy Forrest, Ron Cooper, H. Peterman Wood, Arthur Gerold, Joseph Oberman, Carl Haeseler, and several members of the Ag. Marketing Department.

The group agreed that the organization of a statewide association would be an effective tool in helping the Commonwealth achieve a sizeable wine industry. It was suggested that the Southeast Grape Industry Association consider becoming the Pennsylvania State Wine Association.

This subject will be discussed at a SEIGA meeting slated for 1:30 p.m., Sunday, October 17, at Buckingham Valley Vineyards, Buckingham, Bucks County.

After considerable discussion about winery and grower problems, it was decided that the group focus on the need for any kind of state legislation or change of regulations that will ease restrictions on the state's new wine industry. The group stressed that they are not seeking funds of any kind from the Commonwealth. Instead, this group stated, they are trying to begin a new industry in the state that will mean increased revenues for the state, employment and capital investment in a Pennsylvania industry now and in future years.