



**Lake County Winegrape Commission  
Board of Directors'  
Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2018, 3:00 p.m.  
Lake County Winegrape Commission  
3865 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Chair*

Jonathan Walters

*Vice Chair*

Broc Zoller

*Secretary-Treasurer*

Bonnie Sears

Keith Brandt

Pete Dodson

Bruce Merrilees

Bill Oldham

David Weiss

*President*

Debra Sommerfield

1. Chair Jonathan Walters called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Board Members present: Jonathan Walters, Broc Zoller, Bonnie Sears, Keith Brandt, Pete Dodson, Bill Oldham, David Weiss. Absent: Bruce Merrilees. Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Ben Kardokus, CDFA Economist (via phone), Paul Zellman, Education Programs Director.
2. Minutes from the March 13, 2018, Board Meeting were approved (*Motion #1, Sears/Brandt, 7-0-1*).
3. President Sommerfield presented the results of the 2018 Board Member Elections and stated the Board Members will be seated at the next Board meeting.
4. She also presented the CDFA Grant Audit Report #17-056 and a draft response memo; Board members approved the content of the memo for use in the audit response to CDFA (*Motion #2, Zoller/Sears, 7-0-1*).
5. Secretary/Treasurer Bonnie Sears stepped the Board through assessment income to date and presented quarterly financials for review; Board members approved Q3 FY 2017-8 financials (*Motion #3, Oldham/Dodson, 7-0-1*).
6. Chair Walters, Marketing Committee Chair Bill Oldham, and President Debra Sommerfield gave an update on recent and upcoming marketing events, including the Sauvignon Blanc Experience set for May 4-5, 2018.
7. Research and Education Committee Chair Zoller and Paul Zellman provided an update on the Master Vigneron Academy. President Sommerfield noted that the trademark for "Master Vigneron Academy®" has officially been approved by the US Patent and Trademark Office (Reg. No. 5,440,188). Paul Zellman also provided an update on the Distribution Uniformity kits. The group discussed the possibility of holding viticulture tailgates. Committee Chair Zoller provided an update on a potential research project being discussed with Clint Nelson of Beckstoffer Vineyards and UCCE and UCD Oakville with a focus on Cabernet Sauvignon clones and rootstock suitable for Lake County subappellations.
8. Next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.
9. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**Lake County Winegrape Commission  
AB 2720 Roll Call Vote Tally**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Motion #1</b>	<b>Motion #2</b>	<b>Motion #3</b>
Jonathan Walters, <i>Chair</i>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>
Broc Zoller, <i>Vice Chair</i>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>
Bonnie Sears, <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>
Keith Brandt	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>
Pete Dodson	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>
Bruce Merrilees	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Bill Oldham	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>
David Weiss	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>FINAL TALLY</b>	<b>7-0-1</b>	<b>7-0-1</b>	<b>7-0-1</b>

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Sommerfield, President, Lake County Winegrape Commission