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TWGGA Legislative Agenda for Upcoming State Session - Solicitation of Member Feedback

A separate e-mail was sent pertaining to the proposed agenda for the upcoming legislative session. For an additional copy, respond to this e-mail.

After publishing the proposed agenda to members of the industry and providing several days for feedback from members to their elected board members, the TWGGA Board of Directors will vote on this proposed agenda between January 3 and 4 electronically.

Please provide your feedback to your elected regional director. For a list of TWGGA board members:
<https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/88a7ea3d/files/uploaded/Contact%20Sheet%20Board%202018-2019.pdf>

TWGGA Regional Town Hall Meetings at Annual Conference - Request for Discussion Topics

Regional Town Hall Meetings will be hosted at the Annual Conference on Thursday, February 21 at 2 p.m. These meetings will facilitate member feedback on a wide range of topics pertinent to the industry's strategic growth. Please respond to this e-mail with suggested topics for the Regional Town Hall Meetings.

100% Texas Grown Emblem Update – Solicitation of Member Feedback

As previously reported, TWGGA has trademarked a 100% Texas Grown Emblem for use on wine labels to indicate when a bottle of wine has been produced from 100% Texas grapes. TWGGA member wineries who expressed interest in the launch have had the opportunity to review the draft licensing agreement and give feedback. In the near future, the TWGGA board will be voting on whether to make the program available to the industry as a whole, or to TWGGA members.

To provide feedback on this issue, please e-mail Katie@twgga.org with the following in the subject line:
Region [your region number] 100% Texas Grown Emblem

TABC Talks - January 9 - Compliance Reporting

This month's lesson is a primer for all TABC license and permit holders on TABC's compliance reporting rule, industry's responsibility to conduct compliance reports, and the new mobile application that industry will use to submit these reports.

To register: <https://tabc.zoom.us/meeting/register/16ac411d142b2ef6c5b9141539e44ee6>

TABC Sunset Update

By Kyle Frazier

With the conclusion of the TABC Sunset Hearing on December 13th most the Sunset Review process is complete. The only remaining date of significance is the “decision” hearing- scheduled for January 9th , which requires the Sunset Committee to vote on each recommendation made throughout the process.

Each recommendation receiving a majority affirmative vote will be included in a bill filed during the upcoming legislative session. All recommendations not receiving a majority affirmative vote will be discarded and will not be included in the bill.

This bill will be germane to any alcoholic beverage issue, regardless of that issue having been discussed during the Sunset process or not. For that reason, Association staff will closely monitor this legislation as it makes its way through house and senate committees and chambers.

Continue to watch this newsletter for updates on the Sunset process and resulting legislation.

Upcoming Pertinent Dates for the Upcoming 86th Legislative Session

January 8 th	Opening day for the 86 th legislature
January 9 th	Sunset vote on TABC review
January 14 th	LBB Budget estimates are delivered
January 15 th	Governor and Lt. Governor Inauguration
March 4 th	TWGGGA Wine Day at the Capitol
March 8 th	Last day to files bills and resolutions
May 27 th	Last day 86 th Legislative Session (Sine Die)

Texas Winery App Hiatus and Redesign

In an effort to better connect consumers and wineries, the Texas Winery App will undergo a redesign this Spring. To facilitate this redesign and use Association resources wisely, the current App will no longer be available beginning February 1.

To provide feedback about redesign or the lapse in availability, please e-mail Katie@twgga.org with the following subject line:

Texas Wine App Hiatus