

President's Report

ALSA Board Meeting, June 7th, 2017

Meetings with Government Summary

- Meeting with John Barlow, MP High River re: Bill to allow breweries, wineries and distilleries to sell directly to consumers.
- Meeting with Wildrose to discuss the Alberta Model and Marijuana
- Meeting with Jason Kenney at a small gathering to discuss issues affecting our industry and get an update on the merger with the Willdrose.

Alberta Government

- Attended Employment Standard consultations with the Alberta Government and made two submissions on behalf of ALSA regarding changes to the Employment Standards and Labour Code. (attached)
AGI Update: the lobbying group that is being led by Monte Solberg and Dave Kaiser (ALSA is a financial contributor). The agenda for this group has been very fluid trying new strategies to gain traction on the Labour Issue. Unfortunately none of the efforts from business groups seems to have been successful
- Bill 17: The Fair and Family-friendly Workplaces Act is expected to come into effect on January 1, 2018. The government is following through on a number of proposals to extend compassionate care leaves of various kinds, the minimum working age goes from 12 to 13, employers must provide a 30 minute break every 5 hours, overtime will be banked at a ratio of 1 to 1 ½ time, 4% vacation pay after 2 weeks and 6% after three years.
Under the Labour relations Code unions will be automatically certified if there is initial support (card check) of 65%. If there is a ballot, balloting must be conducted in 20 working days; binding arbitration will apply on first contracts after 90 days, and various other significant changes. Full briefing attached.

AGLC

- A Cannabis Secretariat has been formed under Justice and Solicitor General Ministry. ALSA has made contact and is part of the stakeholder group. ALSA also obtained emails from AGLC for the last 2 years via a FOIP request by the Wildrose.
- Students Against Drunk Driving Campaign Launch and support by AGLC
- Clarified with AGLC that 2 fire inspections are not required to obtain a liquor license.
- Connect Logistics sent out an email regarding plastic crates for comment from the ALSA Board
- Recall Letter to retailers re: Bombay Gin 77% alcohol

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Minimum Case Order

Restaurants Canada has requested that AGLC reduce the minimum case order to allow for 14 cases per order instead of the current 25 cases.

- The letter from Restaurants Canada stated that IVSA was behind the effort. However after speaking with IVSA it appears that this is not the case
- ALSA conducted a survey of the membership on this issue. 91% of members disagree with reducing the minimum order number.
- Although ALSA has not seen the financial analysis from Connect Logistics, it is certain that it will be in the millions. Based on that alone it will likely not be considered by AGLC
- Moving the price change schedule to Thursdays instead of Saturdays