

United States Association of Cider Makers

Board of Directors Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019

A special meeting of the USACM Board of Directors meeting was held via phone conference. Members in attendance: Brooke Glover, Eric Foster, Marcus Robert, Ryan Burk, Brian Shanks, Ben Calvi, Dan Young, Paul Vander Heide. Missing: Dan Wilson, Sam Fitz. Also in attendance: Executive Director, Michelle McGrath and Admin, Ellen Husch.

Call to Order

Paul called the meeting to order.

Bylaws Change

Michelle explained the need for changing the USACM bylaws, specifically section 5.3.1; as more and more regional cideries are producing over a million gallons of cider annually, and the makeup of the board is not being accurately represented. Right now we have 3 large cidery seats that are not available to hold regional representative seats or at-large seats.

Possible solutions:

1. Change the definition of large cidery levels.
2. Create a Volume Leader seat
3. Increase the number of large cidery seats from 3 to 4.
4. Allow the large cider seats to run for regional chair and/or at-large seats.

Eric motioned to allow the large producer seats be able to run for an at-large seat, as long as not more than half of the at-large seats are held by large cideries. Ben Calvi seconded. Members present voted aye; motion carried and will be put into effect immediately. Michelle will send out verbiage to this effect first to the board and then to the membership.

Michelle brought up another issue of allowing USACM board elections to be held through email voting; the board tabled this decision for the time being.

Eric motioned to close the meeting. Brooke seconded. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15th 2019.