

## Three Meetings with State Liquor Authority

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Dear Colleagues:

We are very grateful that Governor Andrew Cuomo and his Administration have taken the lead in partnering with the legislature to amend the Alcohol Beverage Control Law (ABCL), and initiating regulatory and administrative changes which benefit New York's farm-based craft beverage producers of wine, beer, spirits, and cider. Since the first Wine, Beer, Spirits & Cider Summit in October 2012, and a similar one in April of this year, many positive developments have occurred in response to industry requests for change. The State Liquor Authority, particularly Chairman Dennis Rosen and Special Counsel Tom Donohue, have worked tirelessly on these issues in close coordination with industry representatives.

In order to bring everyone up to date and enhance compliance, we are coordinating three separate meetings at which Chairman Rosen and Counsel Donohue will discuss the many changes that have taken place in the past couple years. Time permitting, they will also cover general compliance issues for the various beverage categories (**all of which are invited to these meetings**). The schedule is as follows:

- **Wednesday, July 16, noon to 3 pm, on Long Island** (Sea Star Ballroom, Hyatt Place East End in Riverhead-451 East Main St., 631-208-0002). Food will be available for those interested, and any questions about that should be directed to Steve Bate of the Long Island Wine Council ([steve@liwines.com](mailto:steve@liwines.com)).
- **Wednesday, August 6, 1-4 pm, in Albany** (New York State Liquor Authority, Room 148, 80 South Swan St., 518-473-6559 for Kimberly Ciccone)
- **Thursday, August 7, 1-4 pm, in the Finger Lakes** (Geneva Experiment Station, Jordan Hall Auditorium, 630 W. North St, 315-787-2248 for Gemma Osborne)

If you need to reach me or my colleague Bonnie Hampton, the number is 585-394-3620, and our emails are [jimtrezise@nywgf.org](mailto:jimtrezise@nywgf.org) and [bonitahampton@nywgf.org](mailto:bonitahampton@nywgf.org).

I am asking my colleagues in the beer, spirits and cider sectors to please forward this message to all your producers as well. However, please note that to avoid chaos we are requiring that **ALL PERSONS RSVP TO [bonitahampton@nywgf.org](mailto:bonitahampton@nywgf.org) by July 7. We will need your name, the name of your business, your email, and your phone number in case anything changes.**

We look forward to seeing you at these important meetings.