

Outer Coastal Plain Vineyard Association
2014 First Quarter Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Larry Coia

Anita Nicolo from SMS reported on the status of the Coeur d'Est release event which will be held at Tomasello Winery on May 7, 2014. A media reception will be held at 4PM where the press can taste the wines and speak to the winery representatives. At 5PM until 7PM the reception will be open to invitees from the wineries participating. The collection of the wines for evaluation by the Beverage Testing Institute and events associated with its release was discussed. All wines were to be submitted by today's date for inclusion in this year's release.

Dan Ward spoke about the newly formed **New Jersey Center for Wine Research and Education** of which he has been named the founding director. It will be a central resource for wineries and vineyards. The Center is considering education possibilities including the institution of a certificate program for the industry. Dan also spoke of the potential for a partnership with the University of Bordeaux in a Master's degree program. Dan also spoke about funding for the organization. Larry Coia proposed that the Association consider some financial support for the center and it was determined that the Association could fund up to \$5,000 as a fee for services by the Center **as well as an unrestricted gift of up to \$5,000**. The exact amount will be determined by the Board based on available funds and the services to be provided.

Board election. The recent by-law changes created two new board seats. Kevin Martin of Monroeville Vineyard and Winery and Dave Davis of Auburn Road Winery and Vineyard were elected to the two new seats. Frank Salek of Sylvan Farms stepped down from his current position and accepted a position as an emeritus board member. His seat on the board is now open to be filled.

There was discussion about various grape growing topics including the concern over winter injury this season. The Association members agreed that the Association should consider holding more grape growing information sessions that are topical to the concerns of the members including those recently getting into the industry. **The website will also updated and reviewed periodically to include such information.**

There was also a short discussion about the new Teroldego and Lagrein vines that we are to receive from Foundation Plant Services as part of the vines imported from the Foundation Edmund Mach in Alto-Adige Italy.

The meeting was adjourned at 7PM.