

Policy on Use of Washington Evaluator Funds for Purchase of Alcoholic Beverages
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Background

Washington Evaluators sponsors networking and educational events for our members, their guests, and members of the larger evaluation community. These events often intentionally occur in establishments where alcoholic beverages are sold. WE does not wish to take a position on the consumption of alcohol by its members and guests at such functions who may legally consume alcohol and do so in a manner that does not put themselves or others at risk. **In particular, WE strongly encourage its members and guests to act responsibly when consuming alcohol before, during and after WE sponsored events.**

WE members support Association activities by entrusting the use of member dues, interest earned on member dues, and donations from other organizations for the benefit of our members and the larger evaluation community in the Washington, DC area. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility regarding the use of such funds.

According to the WE Bylaws, **Article V, Directors**, Section 2, *Governing Powers and Duties*, "The Board shall have all the powers and duties necessary or appropriate for the administration of affairs of this Association and may do all such acts and things as are not by law or by the Articles of the Association or by this Constitution directed to be exercised and done by members." According to subsection (d), the duties of the Board include, "Authorizing, adopting and publishing any rules and codes for the Association not specifically at variance with the By-Laws of the Association, or the laws of the United States of America and the District of Columbia." Authorizing and adopting policies is one way in which the WE Board may establish rules and codes for the Association.

Therefore,

It is the policy of the WE Board of Directors that the use of WE financial resources to purchase alcohol, including beer and wine, is prohibited. For the purposes of this policy, "WE financial resources" shall be defined as revenues directly from member dues, interest earned on member dues, and donations from other organizations for the benefit of our members. WE members and guests are generally welcome to purchase alcohol at WE-sponsored events when permissible in a venue and by law. WE co-sponsors are not prohibited from directly using their own funds for the purchase of alcohol at WE-sponsored events. Nothing in this policy should be interpreted to prevent WE from negotiating prices for alcohol consumed at WE sponsored events nor the purchase of non-alcoholic beverages and food using WE using WE financial resources. The purchase of alcohol by or for underage individuals at WE-sponsored events is strictly prohibited. The WE Board of Directors encourages individuals at WE events who may legally purchase and consume alcohol to drink responsibly and not undertake any actions during or after attending a WE sponsored event that would put themselves or others in danger. In particular, WE strongly encourage its members and guests to act responsibly when consuming alcohol before, during and after WE sponsored events.