Alcohol and Events

Selling Alcohol

According to the California Education Code, Chapter 8, Article 2, Section 82580, "It is unlawful to offer or sell any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant on school premises." Users may not sell alcoholic beverages under any circumstance.

In accordance with the California State PTA insurance program, PTAs may not engage in the sale of alcoholic beverages. Many PTAs hold annual silent auctions and dinners as fundraisers, at which bottles and/or cases of wine are donated for use as auction items. These donated bottles and/or cases of wine may be used as auction items provided the auction is held at a nonschool-site location and the contents are not decanted during the event or on the premises. PTAs may auction donated alcoholic beverages but may not sell alcoholic beverages under any circumstance.

Serving of Alcohol at Events

The California State PTA strongly urges its unit, council, and district PTAs to refrain from serving alcoholic beverages at PTA functions. If alcoholic beverages are served at a function, the PTA may not serve them. Any alcoholic beverages must be provided and served by a licensed establishment or catering company that has the appropriate permits and insurance. When a User is planning an event that will include alcoholic beverages, the User may not collect for the cost of the alcoholic beverages through ticket sales. This cost must be paid separately to the licensed establishment or catering company with the valid permits and insurance.

Under no circumstances may User funds be used to purchase alcoholic beverages or bottles of alcohol. Remember, the purpose of the PTA is to work on behalf of all children and speak for "everychild. onevoice." PTA funds and efforts should be used to further their purpose.

Remember - Someone other than PTA must be liable for any alcohol being served. All of the PTA executive board can be held liable if these rules are not followed!

Alcohol is a powerful drug and while it is legal to serve if rules are followed, events with alcohol must be handled carefully. Alcohol use is inconsistent with the mission and vision for PTA. Please consider its use at events wisely and follow ALL procedures in the “Insurance Loss and Prevention Guide”.

If the unit has any further questions regarding this subject, please do not hesitate to contact the California State PTA insurance broker, BB&T Insurance Services of California, Inc. 800-733-3036