



## **Oregon & SW Washington URISA Alcohol Policy**

### **Background:**

The Oregon & SW Washington Chapter of URISA (ORURISA) has developed this policy to assure responsible management and consumption practices of alcoholic beverage at chapter sponsored events. The intent of the policy is to reduce or avoid alcohol related problems that could result in litigation towards the organization as a whole, its volunteers, its Board members and its event participants.

ORURISA respects the rights of event participants who are over the age of 21 years to consume alcohol in a responsible and legal manner on the understanding that the consumption of alcohol will not have a detrimental effect on the individual or the organization.

The ORURISA Alcohol Policy has been formulated to cover:

- The consumption of alcohol purchased and/or supplied by event attendees and/or their guests, and
- The consumption of alcohol purchased and/or supplied by ORURISA or by any one of its Sections, Special Interest Groups, Virtual Teams, or its Board of Directors.

### **Policy Provisions:**

The following principles and practices shall be abided by:

1. The guiding principle of the ORURISA alcohol policy is to ensure that excessive amounts of alcohol are not provided or consumed at any function. The amount of alcohol supplied should directly relate to the numbers attending the function and to the time allowed for the function.
2. Kegs are not permitted to be available at an ORURISA sponsored event including events conducted by a Special Interest Group, Section,

Virtual team, or by the Board of Directors and that has received ORURISA funding. The exception is for events conducted at bars, taverns, or restaurants that are licensed to serve alcoholic beverages

3. Drinking games are not permitted.
4. Alcoholic punch is not permitted.
5. At any function where alcohol is provided, an adequate amount and type of food must also be provided.
6. At any function where alcohol is provided, an adequate amount and type of non-alcoholic drinks and/or soft drinks that are an appealing alternative must also be provided.
7. At any function where alcohol is supplied, alcohol must not be supplied to under-21 year olds and there must be a system in place to verify that drinkers at all such functions are not under-21 years of age.
8. Wherever possible, individual participants at events shall be provided drink tickets which may be exchanged for beer, wine, or other drinks. No more than two drink tickets shall be distributed by event organizers to any single individual. Individuals may be allowed to purchase additional drinks.

### Operating Practices:

All sections, special interest groups, and virtual team organizers shall be made aware of this policy and the policy shall be viewable on the ORURISA website.

If event organizers are not able to give assurances that they will be able to abide by the policy provisions, funding for alcoholic beverages for a function will be withheld. If assurances are given but not adhered to, future approval of funding for alcoholic beverages will be denied when a subsequent application is made. Future approval will be denied for a minimum of three years.

Adopted by the OR-URISA Board of Directors on November 17, 2010.