

Re: RAC formal rule proposal #4: Add Contribution Authority and Patent/Trademark Activity:

I am Steve Kister, Chairman of the Sun Maid Growers and RAC member.

The purpose of this proposal is to expand authority for the committee to accept voluntary contributions to pay expenses and the authority to receive income from patents, copyrights, trademarks, inventions, publications or product formulations.

This will make it clear that the RAC is aligned with other Marketing Orders to the benefit of our industry.

Recently the RAC has been approached with the opportunity to generate revenue from the Dancing Raisins.

This rule could benefit the industry and support further research and potentially provide means to offset some of those expenses.