

## NAGRA NEWS

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# A Message From the President

What an exciting time to be a gaming regulator! For those of you who couldn't join us in Vancouver for the Training and Education Symposium, we missed you! I also have to say you missed one of the finest education events I have attended with NAGRA. I would like to thank our committee chairs for coordinating timely topics and excellent speakers. I would also like to thank Rick Saville, our outgoing president, for his hard work, dedication, and stepping up to the plate when it was required.

As you know, one of the primary focuses of the event was internet gaming. We were privileged to hear from Michael Lipton on "The Law of Internet Gaming: A Comparison between Europe, the United States, and Canada," and Dr. John McMullan from St. Mary's University on "Virtual Villainy: Cyber-fraud, Cyber-extortion and the Internet Gambling Environment." Another highlight of the conference was a mesmerizing presentation by James Maida on "Cutting Edge Technology" (also



known as "convergence").

There are many things for us to consider as we go forward as regulators and NAGRA is striving to assist you in these decisions. We are updating the bingo paper standards and card-minding device standards, developing webinars, and looking at ways to make the website a better tool for regulators to share information with each other. Please let us know how you would like to be involved whether as a speaker, committee chair, or board member.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2011 Training and

Education Symposium in San Diego from June 6-11. I look forward to seeing you there!

Leah Cooper Boggs  
NAGRA President ■

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## NAGRA'S 2011

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## NAGRA Elects New Board of Directors

NAGRA recently elected new officers and directors to lead the organization.

Leah Cooper Boggs, Director of Licensing and Compliance with the Kentucky Office of Charitable Gaming, was elected President. Philip D. Sanderson, Director of Charitable Bingo Operations with the Texas Lottery Commission was elected Vice President. Viola Pietrandrea, Supervisor with the Connecticut Division of Special Revenue Charitable Games Unit, was reelected as Eastern United States Regional Director and Simone Syrenne, Licensing Manager with Manitoba Gaming Control Commission, was reelected as Canadian Regional Director. Following completion of his term as President, Rick Saville, Executive Director of Registration and Certification with the British Columbia Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, will now serve a one year term as Immediate Past President. Joseph Koss, Tax Auditor with the Alaska Department of Revenue, continues his current term as Treasurer.

Terri Hutchison, Gaming Enforcement Manager with the Missouri Gaming Commission, was voted in to the Secretary's position by the Board of Directors. The NAGRA Board voted to have Joseph Sellens, who serves as Enterprise Security Director with the Kansas Lottery, take over for Hutchison as Midwestern United States Regional Director. The Board also voted to replace retiring Board member Kathy Baertsch, License and Tax Supervisor with the Montana Gambling Control Division, with Aaron Wong who is a Special Agent with the California Department of Justice/Bureau of Gambling Control. Aaron Wong will assume the responsibilities of Western Regional Director. ■

# In Remembrance of William J. Yorke

We were saddened to learn of the passing of long-time NAGRA member Bill Yorke. Bill was a member, served on the Board of Directors and was a wonderful colleague and friend to many. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. We have included his obituary.

Sincerely, NAGRA Staff



**William J. Yorke**, 61, of Clark, N.J., passed away Tuesday at home. Born in Rahway, N.J., Mr. Yorke lived in Colonia, N.J., before moving to Clark in 1998. He was employed by State

of New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission for 30 years before retiring as executive officer in 2006. The president of Yorke Consulting, he was a member of the North American Gaming Regulators Association and a life member of the Woodbridge Ambulance and Rescue Squad. He was predeceased by his sister, Cathy Greene. Surviving are his wife, Laurie; he was the devoted father of Jennifer Woodward, William Jr. and Ryan Yorke; dear brother of Dee Hewitt, Marian Corallo and Robert Yorke, and was also loved by four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Woodbridge Ambulance and Rescue Squad or the Clark First Aid Squad. ■

## Communication and Research Tools Available to NAGRA Members

We want to remind members of two tools NAGRA makes available to all members: our searchable member directory and broadcast emails with survey links.

Members can search the NAGRA Member Directory by fields including basic contact information (for example city, state, organization and member name). More significantly, members can search for members by professional position and types of games regulated/specialty. This allows members to get in contact with individuals they might not know but might be in a position to help with an answer to a particular question. For example, members could search for other members who meet the criteria "audit/compli-

ance" and "charitable gaming" to yield a list of members who have knowledge of charitable gaming and audits. There are dozens of combinations of simple searches that can assist members in finding the right contacts they might need to assist them with a question or regulatory challenge.

The searchable directory is located under the "members" tab on [www.nagra.org](http://www.nagra.org). Access to the directory requires member login. If you have not yet logged-in just go to the website login page and follow the instructions. Contact staff if you experience any difficulty.

We also want to make members aware that in the past we have

been happy to assist jurisdictions in distributing surveys and quick polls to the entire membership. So if a member is doing research on a particular topic and would like to poll the membership, we will be happy to facilitate. All we ask is that NAGRA be able to share the result of the inquiry with the rest of the membership for their information. If you would like to submit a survey or poll for distribution please contact Managing Director Eric Ewald at [erice@ewald.com](mailto:erice@ewald.com).

We hope you are able to use these tools on occasion and that they are successful in assisting you with your work. ■

# NAGRA Committee Involvement

## Great return on time investment

Participating in the work of a NAGRA committee will give you “front-line” knowledge regarding the latest issues, challenges and solutions. Committee participation can also help you develop leadership skills that will serve well in your work and you will become appreciated as a leader in the field. That can set you up for future growth in the association or other leadership opportunities. Committee participation also greatly deepens the networking value of NAGRA membership. Working closely with other leaders in the profession will give you a deeper understanding of how other individuals and jurisdictions work to achieve desired outcomes. In total, the benefits of participating on a committee could easily outweigh the time invested. Not convinced? Talk to a current committee chair about what they get out of their leadership position: front-line knowledge, leadership skills and long-standing collegial friendships.

Following are our current NAGRA Committees and the chairs for each. Please consider which committee would be a good fit for you or an appropriate staff person with your organization and contact one of the chairs to learn more and get involved.

### Casino/Electronic Gaming

The primary focus is on changes in gaming technology.

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**Internet Gaming**

The primary focus is on legal issues regarding internet gaming and the review of recent legislative efforts.

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# 2009 Indian Gaming Revenues Remain Stable

Washington, DC June 11, 2010 —Today the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) Acting Chairman George T. Skibine released data showing revenues generated by the Indian gaming industry in 2009 totaled \$26.5 billion. The total gross gaming revenue (GGR) for 2009 represents both gains and losses for the 233 individual tribes across the U.S. that engage in gaming.



The 2009 GGR is based on the 419 independently audited financial statements submitted by 233 gaming tribes. In 2009, approximately 58% of those operations reported a gaming revenue decrease from their 2008 gaming revenues; however, over half of those showing decreases had reductions of less than 10%. On the other hand, 39% of the operations showed an increase in gaming revenues. Of these operations, approximately 15% showed more than a 50% increase over 2008 numbers primarily due to: (1) casinos that opened during 2008 and recognized the first full-year revenue impact in 2009; and (2) casino expansions. On average, the gains and losses in the industry evened out. The Commission had reported 2008 gaming revenues of \$26.7 billion.

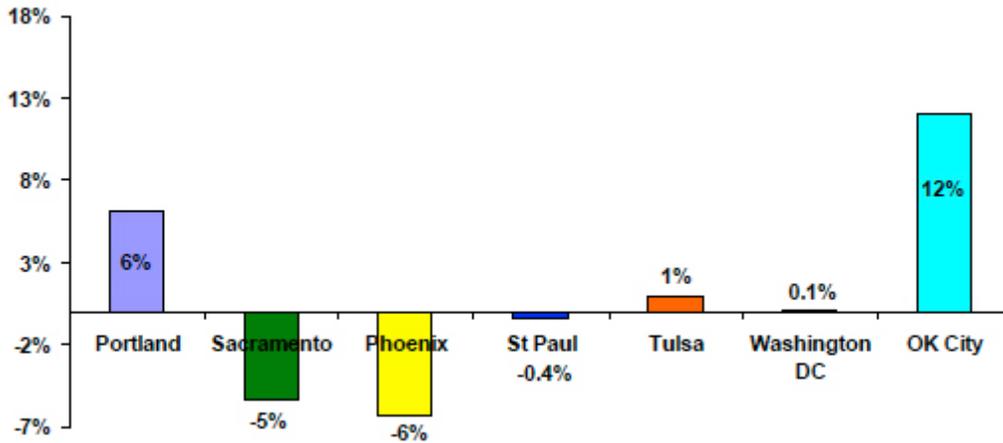
The Commission divides the country into seven regions.



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The data shows that most growth in GGR occurred in two regions: the Oklahoma City region, which includes 49 gaming operations in western Oklahoma and Texas, and the Portland Region, which includes 49 gaming operations throughout Washington State, Idaho and Oregon.



Gaming revenues represent amounts wagered less prizes paid. Revenue calculations are based on the independent audit reports NIGC receives annually from tribes conducting gaming operations in accordance with IGRA. Additional charts and graphs are available at the NIGC website, [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov). ■

## NIGC Welcomes New Chief of Staff



Washington, DC — On August 9, 2010 National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) Chairwoman Tracie Stevens announced the selection of Paxton Myers as the Commission’s Chief of Staff. For the

past year, Mr. Myers served as Congressman Dale Kildee’s Native American affairs advisor.

Congressman Dale Kildee is cofounder and Chairman of the House Native American Caucus. As the Congressman’s Native American advisor, Myers played a key role in advising and educating Members of Congress by coordinating briefings and preparing background information on legislation and issues affecting Native American communities.

NIGC Chairwoman Stevens said, “Paxton brings a diverse and practical background with him to the NIGC. His experience on Capitol Hill coupled with his previous tribal government and gaming operations work will greatly benefit the NIGC. We look forward to Paxton joining the Commission and welcome him to the team.”

Between 2000 and 2009, Myers worked for both a tribal government and a tribal gaming operation, which included serving as Chief of Staff to Mitchell Hicks, Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as well as Casino Marketing Manager at the Band’s gaming facility.

Myers is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina. He received his Bachelor of Science from Western Carolina University and currently resides in Washington, DC. ■

# Longtime NIGC Attorney to Retire



Washington, DC May 21, 2010 — Acting General Counsel Penny Coleman announced she will retire from federal service effective July 2, 2010. Coleman began her federal career in 1981 with the Department

of the Interior's Office of the Solicitor, Indian Affairs division.

Coleman was appointed as Acting General Counsel during the Clinton administration, and she remained in this position through the Bush administration and into the Obama administration. Working for the Commission since 1994, she developed the Commission's legal policies on sole proprietary interest, management without an approved management contract and Indian lands. Before that she spent 13 years in the Division of Indian Affairs, Office of the Solicitor, within the Department of Interior. There she represented the Department on gaming, federal acknowledgment, child protection, education, tribal government and other matters.

Acting Chairman George T. Skibine noted, "Penny

Coleman has been a part of this agency from the beginning and she has developed an exceptional understanding of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and other related federal laws and regulations." Skibine continued, "Penny's contributions to the Commission have been a foundation on which the agency has grown along with the industry. We hope her future is as bright as her past."

Ms. Coleman said, "Although I am looking forward to retirement, I will miss working for the NIGC and with the tribes. This has been a very rewarding experience which I will remember with appreciation."

Ms. Coleman is originally from South Dakota where she attended college and law school. Before becoming an attorney, she worked as an English teacher in Minnesota and a director of public relations in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She also worked for the State of South Dakota on an experimental program for the delivery of social services. During law school, she interned at the State Attorney's Office in Deadwood, South Dakota, and at Legal Services on the Crow Creek Reservation.

The NIGC is an independent regulatory agency established within the Department. ■

## New Agent Training Class October 4-8, 2010

The Washington State Gambling Commission is putting on a New Agent Training class October 4-8, 2010. This training is for regulatory personnel from any Gaming Regulatory or Law Enforcement agencies. The week-long class will be held at the Quinault Beach Resort & Casino, in Ocean Shores, Washington. The week training session covers subjects such as Accounting, Surveillance, Tribal State Compacts, Identifying Cheating Activities, Tribal Lottery System, Mock Casino, Report Writing and Internal Controls. The cost for the week training is \$750.00. For more information about this training, please call Special Agent Ron Baldwin at 360-239-2162 or email him at ronb@wsgc.wa.gov. ■

# Tracie Stevens Sworn in as NIGC Chair

Washington, DC — On July 1, 2010, Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar swore in Tracie Stevens as Chairwoman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission). Tracie, a member of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington, is the first Native American woman to chair the Commission. She joins NIGC Vice Chairwoman Steffani Cochran and Associate Commissioner Dan Little.

Stevens said, "I am honored to be Chairwoman of the National Indian Gaming Commission and look forward to working with Vice Chairwoman Cochran, Associate Commissioner Little and the Commission staff as well as collaborating with Tribes to work on issues facing the Indian gaming industry. By working together on all levels, we can better safeguard an industry that is so vitally important to many communities throughout Indian country."

Stevens has built an extensive background throughout Indian country in various capacities. Prior to becoming NIGC Chairwoman, Stevens served as Senior Advisor to Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk. In this role, Stevens provided policy guidance to the Assistant Secretary regarding tribal issues such as gaming, law enforcement, energy, consultation, economic development, land-intotrust, tribal government disputes, budget priorities, and treaty and natural resource rights.

"Tracie Stevens brings to the Commission a wealth of expertise and experience from a distinguished career working on both tribal government and gaming issues," Salazar said. "She will be an outstanding chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission."

In 2003, Stevens served as a legislative policy analyst in the Tulalip's government affairs office. She represented the Tulalips in negotiations updating

gambling compacts between the state of Washington and all federally recognized tribes in the state. In 2006, Stevens was elevated to senior policy analyst, a position she held until 2009.

While working for the Tribe, Stevens also served as the Chair of the gaming committee for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (2003-2009), as secretary of the board of directors for the Washington Indian Gaming Association (2002-2009) and as the northwest delegate for the National Indian Gaming Association (2003- 2009).

Stevens received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences from the University of Washington-Seattle. Stevens and her family reside in western Maryland. ■



# Excellence in Gaming Regulation Award

R.P.M. (Rick) Saville, Executive Director and Registrar, Registration and Certification, Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch

## 2010 Award Recipient Dale Fuga, Chief Operating Officer, Manitoba Gaming Control Commission

Dale has been involved with gaming regulation since 1987 when he began as an Auditor with the Manitoba Lotteries Foundation, subsequently serving as: Audit Manager, Manager of Licensing, and Director of Licensing Services.

In 1997 Dale was named Chief Financial Officer and Director of Licensing and Registration for the newly created Manitoba Gaming Control Commission. Dale was subsequently appointed to his current position of Chief Operating Officer in 1999, and he is responsible for all operational divisions of the Commission including Licensing, Registration, Audit/Finance, Enforcement, Field Operations and Information Systems. Concurrent with his exemplary leadership of gaming in Manitoba, Dale has been involved with the following gaming organizations and committees:

- Organizational committee of the Canadian Gaming Regulators Association (CAGRA);
- Appointed to the Working Group of the Coordinated Committee of Senior Officials (CCSO) – a Federal Government initiative to review and propose changes to the gaming sections of the Criminal Code of Canada;
- Co-Chair of the Internet Gambling Task Force (IGTF);
- Member of the International Association of Gaming Regulators (IAGR);
- Member of the Gaming Regulators Committee of the International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL);
- Member of the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS).

Dale has been an active member of NAGRA since 1989 and currently holds the position of Co-Chair

of the Internet Committee. Dale's leadership ability served NAGRA well as president on two separate occasions, as vice-president, and as Canadian Regional Director. He has also served on the Bingo Standards Committee, the Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee, and as Co-Chair of the Casino Gaming Committee. Dale has been a speaker and session facilitator at many NAGRA conferences, and he is also a supporter of G2E, NASPL, and the Canadian Gaming Congress,

Dale is a Certified Management Accountant and has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Manitoba. He and his wife Cynthia have been familiar faces to NAGRA members for the past 21 years. He is actively involved in his local community and has served in varying capacities on several Boards including a credit union, a senior citizen's residence, a local Scout group, as well as other non-profit organizations.

Rick Josephson, Executive Director and CEO of the Manitoba Gaming Control Commission said, "The board, management and staff of the MGCC are very proud that NAGRA has honoured Dale's service and commitment with this award of Excellence in Gaming Regulation. His expertise and experience in both the regulatory and operational realms during over 20 years in the province's gaming sector have contributed immeasurably to the strength and capacity of Manitoba's current regulatory regime. This recognition by his peers from other jurisdictions speaks to his influence on and contribution to gaming regulation throughout North America."

NAGRA extends congratulations to Dale Fuga. ■

# IRS Offers One-Time Special Filing Relief Program for Small Charities; Oct. 15 Due Date to Preserve Tax-Exempt Status

IR-2010-87, July 26, 2010

WASHINGTON — Small nonprofit organizations at risk of losing their tax-exempt status because they failed to file required returns for 2007, 2008 and 2009 can preserve their status by filing returns by Oct. 15, 2010, under a one-time relief program, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

The IRS today posted on a special page of IRS.gov (<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=225889,00.html>) the names and last-known addresses of these at-risk organizations, along with guidance about how to come back into compliance. The organizations on the list have return due dates between May 17 and Oct. 15, 2010, but the IRS has no record that they filed the required returns for any of the past three years.

“We are doing everything we can to help organizations comply with the law and keep their valuable tax exemption,” IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. “So if you do not have your filings up to date, now’s the time to take action and get back on track.”

Two types of relief are available for small exempt organizations — a filing extension for the smallest organizations required to file Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) and a voluntary compliance program (VCP) for small organizations eligible to file Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

Small organizations required to file Form 990-N simply need to go to the IRS website [[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)],

supply the eight information items called for on the form, and electronically file it by Oct. 15. That will bring them back into compliance.

Under the VCP, tax-exempt organizations eligible to file Form 990-EZ must file their delinquent annual information returns by Oct. 15 and pay a compliance fee. Details about the VCP are on the IRS website, along with frequently asked questions.

The relief announced today is not available to larger organizations required to file the Form 990 or to private foundations that file the Form 990-PF.

The IRS will keep today’s list of at-risk organizations on IRS.gov until Oct. 15, 2010. Organizations that have not filed the required information returns by that date will have their tax-exempt status revoked, and the IRS will publish a list of these revoked organizations in early 2011. Donors who contribute to at-risk organizations are protected until the final revocation list is published.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 made two important changes affecting tax-exempt organizations, effective the beginning of 2007. First, it mandated that all tax-exempt organizations, other than churches and church-related organizations, must file an annual return with the IRS. The Form 990-N was created for small tax-exempt organizations that had not previously had a filing requirement. Second, the law also required that any tax-exempt organization that fails to file for three consecutive years automatically loses

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# Investigation by Office of Charitable Gaming in Virginia Leads to Conviction

Following an investigation by the Office of Charitable Gaming, Daniel Kovach, the bingo manager for an American Legion Post on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, was tried a convicted of one count of felony embezzlement. When the finance officer of this American Legion Post learned that Kovach had been arrested elsewhere on bad check charges, the finance officer became concerned and discovered that all of the gaming funds, a total of \$2,000, were missing from the Legion hall's safe. The finance officer reported the crime immediately to the Office of Charitable Gaming and the case was assigned to Special Agent Gail Greenia.

The suspect, 48-yr old Daniel Kovach, had been fired from another job because of the prior arrest. Kovach changed jobs multiple times and moved around, leaving his home on the Eastern Shore and settling in the Virginia Beach area, where Special

Agent Greenia located him working as assistant manager at a fast food restaurant. Greenia interviewed Kovach who initially denied taking the money. During a subsequent interview, Kovach made a full confession.

On June 1, 2009, Kovach was indicted by a grand jury in Accomack County Circuit Court on one count of embezzlement. He agreed to turn himself in, but instead moved to yet another location. Special Agent Greenia tracked Kovach to a new place of employment where she and members of the Virginia Beach Police Department took him into custody. Kovach was tried and convicted of one count of felony embezzlement on February 4, 2010. He was sentenced on May 13 2010 to two years in the penitentiary with all but 30 days suspended and ordered to pay \$2,000 in restitution. ■

## NAGRA Newsletter Submissions

We invite news submissions from all members. We are particularly interested in hearing about and sharing information about job/position changes and any changes to the regulatory environment at the jurisdictional, regional and national levels. Members have also submitted interesting articles on particular issues they have faced within their jurisdictions from which others can learn. Please submit news items directly to [erice@ewald.com](mailto:erice@ewald.com). Please also include NAGRA on your organization's media list so we can pull items of interest to our membership from your organization's press releases.

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its federal tax-exempt status. The IRS conducted an extensive outreach effort about this new legal requirement but, even so, many organizations have not filed returns on time.

If an organization loses its exemption, it will have to reapply with the IRS to regain its tax-exempt status. Any income received between the revocation date and renewed exemption may be taxable. ■

# The California Gambling Control Commission Gives Final Approval to CGCC-8

**(State Compact Inspection Framework of Tribal Casino's Internal Control Regulations)**

CGCC-8's approval was the culmination of over three years of discussion and negotiation within a rulemaking framework established in the California Tribal-State Gaming Compacts. The regulation package that was approved by the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) on July 20, 2010, establishes protocols for uniform State Compact inspections of California Indian Gaming Tribes for Internal Controls compliance. This approval comes after a majority of the Compacted California Tribes approved the regulation on June 2, 2010 at a meeting of Tribal and State gaming delegates.

CGCC-8 applies to most gaming Tribes in California and affirms the important primary role of Tribes to regulate and enforce gaming Internal Controls standards but also respects the authority of the State Gaming Agency to ensure Compact compliance. The State Gaming Agency is composed of the California Gambling Control Commission and the Bureau of Gambling Control, a division of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

The regulation respects the Tribes' role in the creation and adoption of the historic National Indian Gaming Commission's (NIGC) Class III Minimum Internal Control Standards by using them as an appropriate and comparable standard for Compact compliance. CGCC-8 also further clarifies the State's role in Compact compliance inspections, reports and discussions following the inspections, and a resolution process for any disputes that may result. Finally, the regulation respects several Tribes' authorization of NIGC inspections of Class III gaming by allowing

the State to ensure Compact compliance based upon a review the NIGC work product and State follow-up with the Tribe.

California's Tribal State Gaming Compacts have been evolving since they were signed in 1999. There were originally 61 Tribes that agreed to a generally uniform Gaming compact, although not all operated gaming facilities. Recent negotiations have resulted in new Tribal compacts or the amendment of several original 1999 Compacts. There are currently 57 Tribes operating 58 Class III facilities throughout California. The NIGC reports Indian Gaming nationwide produced nearly \$27 billion in revenue in 2009 with \$7 billion of that in California alone. The California Tribal facilities operate table games and over 60,000 Class III gaming devices. The Tribes also employ over 50,000 Californians in gaming-related jobs.

For more information about the Commission, the regulation and specific compacts visit the Tribal Gaming section at [www.cgcc.ca.gov](http://www.cgcc.ca.gov). ■

# NAGRA – Vancouver 2010

NAGRA would like to thank all presenters and participants who joined us in Vancouver June 26-30. This was another fantastic event including excellent training and education sessions and high-value professional networking. All presentation materials for which we were given permission to distribute are available on the NAGRA website at: [www.nagra.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=59](http://www.nagra.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=59).

**Next year's event will be June 6 through June 10, 2011 at Loew's Coronado Bay Hotel in San Diego, CA, USA. Please make plans now to join us.**

**What's in a name?** You might note that we have changed the name of our annual event from the "NAGRA Annual Conference" to the "NAGRA Annual Training and Education Symposium." Why? We did this to better reflect the strong training and education programming that are at the heart of this event. We hope to see you next June! ■

## Conference Photos



NAGRA President Rick Saville welcoming delegates to Vancouver.



Attendees at one of the conference sessions



<< Michael Lipton, International Masters of Gaming Law, Dickson Wright LLP presenting on the Law of Internet Gaming: A Comparison Between Europe, the United States and Canada



>> Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Housing and Social Development welcoming attendees

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<< James Maida, President of GLI, Inc presenting "Cutting Edge Technology: A Worldwide View"

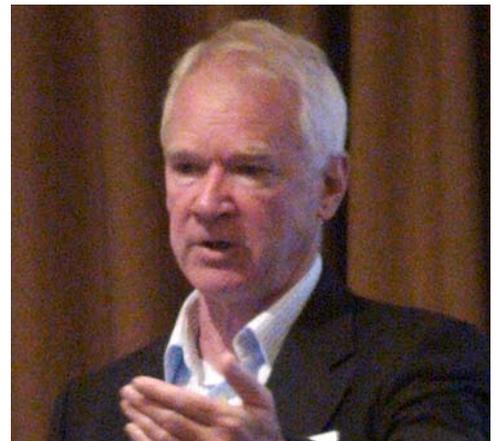


Jim Haynes, Director, Nebraska Lottery speaking on Scratch Ticket Security and Regulation

>> NAGRA President Rick Saville handing Dale Fuga, Chief Operating Officer of the Manitoba Gaming Control Commission the Excellence in Gaming Regulation Award



<< Jim Haynes, Director, Nebraska Lottery thanks NAGRA President Rick Saville for years of service on the NAGRA Board of Directors and for serving as the NAGRA President



Jon Kelly, CEO of Responsible Gambling Council



>> Leah Cooper Boggs addresses attendees at the closing reception.