

NAGRA NEWS

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Vice President's Message

Penny Taylor Moore

Happy 2009 to you all! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are beginning the new year on a positive note.

As NAGRA begins 2009, the Board and committee chairs are busy planning for the annual conference. This year we will be convening in Washington, DC. The conference hotel, the L'Enfant Plaza, is in the heart of the District. From inside the hotel, you can hop on the Metro and travel just about anywhere in Washington. In fact, the Ronald Reagan National Airport is only four Metro stops from the hotel! Outside the hotel, you will be just steps away from the Mall with its numerous memorials and the Smithsonian museums. Nearby are the federal buildings, which not only reflect our past but within which our current elected representatives are busy enacting legislation that affects our present and our future. The Washington Monument, the Capitol, the White House, the National

Archives, the museums and memorials: They all make history really come alive!

At this year's conference, we will celebrate NAGRA's successful past as we begin to shape its future. Many of our conference topics concern present and future happenings in the gaming world, including:

- Opening Session: Overview of Gaming in Washington, DC
- Using Technology in Gaming Regulation
- Changing Ownership Structures: How Do We Conduct Due Diligence?
- Audit/Investigation Fraud Case Studies
- Revitalizing Bingo
- Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA) Rules
- Investigations: Tucson Card Room
- Sports Betting Investigations: NCAA and Links to Organized Crime
- NIGC Presentation on the State

of Indian Gaming

- Tribal Casinos Address Problem Gambling
- Gaming Devices: New Challenges in Software Verification
- Electronic Card Games: Gaming Devices or Table Games?
- **New This Year:** Sessions on Lottery Regulations & Multi-State Lottery rules.

The Internet Gaming Task Force will be meeting in conjunction with NAGRA and offering insight into

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June 2-5, 2009

in Washington, DC

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the Internet Gaming world. In addition, there will be a training session on Casino Fraud. Other topics and speakers are detailed in our conference brochure.

NAGRA's 25th anniversary conference in the heart of American history and government promises to be a winning combination. Please celebrate with us in Washington, June 2-5, 2009. You will not only be able to see how far our country has come from its humble beginnings more than 200 years ago, and to develop newfound hope that the United States will survive and thrive into the future, but you can also commemorate the vibrant organization that NAGRA has become in its short 25-year history. ■

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TST Awarded Lottery Contract

VANCOUVER – Technical Systems Testing (TST) is proud to announce that through a comprehensive RFQ process by the District of Columbia (DC) Lottery & Charitable Games Control Board, its North American testing lab has been awarded its second consecutive contract to test and certify gaming products and the gaming environment within which the products operate.

Building on an already well established relationship, TST will continue to test DC Lottery's Variable Range Draw Machines, Random Number Generators (RNG) and their related lottery Games. TST looks forward to continuing to assist the Lottery in achieving its rigorous certification requirements, and ensure all products are fair and secure for its valued players.

The DC Lottery is just one of many government operated lottery organizations that TST continues to serve. In addition to numerous Canadian Provincial and US State gaming authorities, TST also works closely with international Regulators throughout Europe, Asia, Australia, and South America.

TST's CEO, Salim L. Adatia, notes that "With this award of contract, TST intends to leverage its profile at the upcoming NAGRA Conference in Washington, DC. We hope to form new relationships with other Lotteries and Regulators both domestically here in North America and abroad through TST's other internationally-based test labs. We especially look forward to exploring possibilities for work with other well established Manufacturers and forging new partnerships with the respected North American Tribal community this year."

On the heels of new TST labs opened last year in both London (UK) and Macau (China), TST's flagship Australian and North American based labs are able to extend increased multi-lingual resources to its valued clients to accommodate even the most demanding testing projects and timelines. CTO Noah Turner "encourages both new and long-standing clients, to look to TST for our speed, quality and responsiveness of service. We are excited about the opportunities 2009 will present."

Since its inception in 1993, TST has offered the full range of independent regulatory compliance testing and consultation services to both the land-based and interactive gaming industry. In addition to this, TST's experts continue to provide Information Systems Security (ISS) audit and consultancy services relating to both logical and physical security of gaming environments. ■

News from the New Mexico Gaming Control Board

Submitted by Don E. Dutton

The New Mexico Gaming Control Board has three pieces of legislation before the 49th NM Legislature. SB 228 will amend the Bingo & Raffle Act to allow electronic card minders, increase bingo jackpots and set a minimum percentage of profits as contributions to charitable purposes. The act has not been updated in many years and many areas need to be addressed.

SB 229 will amend the Gaming Control Act to provide a clearer definition of "cheat" or "cheating." A District Judge last year found the Gaming Control Act, section 60-2E-50 Crime; manipulation of gaming device with intent to cheat to be unconstitutionally broad. The statute provided: A person who manipulates, with the intent to cheat, any component of a gaming device in a manner contrary to the designed and normal operational purpose of the component, including varying the pull of the handle of a gaming machine with knowledge that the manipulation affects the outcome of the game or with knowledge of any event that affects the outcome of the game, is guilty of a fourth degree felony and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.

The Court dismissed criminal charges against a defendant who manipulated two or more buttons on an electronic gaming machine to recover his wager and at the same time increase his odds for a higher payoff. He had taken one casino for over \$25,000 and was arrested while manipulating a machine at another casino.

The proposed change provides: cheat or cheating means to alter the elements of chance which determines the result of the game or to claim, collect, or take money or anything of value in or from a game,

without having made a bet contingent thereon, or to claim, collect, or take an amount greater than the amount won.

The legislation, as proposed, adds a statutory self-exclusion process, grants licensees immunity from civil liability in suits brought by self-excluded persons, imposed an administrative fine to licensees who only pay lip service to the self-exclusion program and provides sanctions against the self-excluded person who enters and wins. Winnings are forfeited and placed into the licensee's Problem Gambling Funds.

The third piece is a Senate Joint Memorial which encourages District Attorneys to place persons who have committed non-violent crimes in support of a gambling addiction, into a pre-prosecution diversion program. The program would include placing the person on probation for a period of time, taking responsibility for the action, agreement to make restitution, treatment, and self-exclusion from all licensed gambling establishments. This would remove cases from the often overcrowded criminal docket, reduce domestic violence, and reduce costs to society while providing for better mental health.

The self-exclusion and pre-prosecution diversion issues are a recommendation from the New Mexico Compulsive Gambling Council. Sue McNabb and Kevin Mullally made presentations to the NMCGC which helped in getting the legislation moving. As Co-Chair of NAGRA'S Problem Gambling Committee, I am thankful to them and am looking forward to the legislation becoming law. ■

Eclipse Compliance Testing Announces NIGC Class II Guidelines for Lab Submission

In an effort to keep the industry informed, and to provide some clarity on the Grandfather Provision requirements of the NIGC Class II Technical Standards, eclipse Compliance Testing has prepared a document to assist manufacturers and Tribal Gaming Regulatory Agencies in navigating the submission and approval process.

"We wanted to be proactive in the market and help our customers and the regulators through this process, particularly with the grandfather submission deadline of March 10, 2009, fast approaching," comments Nick Farley, President of eclipse Compliance Testing. "To some extent this is new ground for many of us, so it made sense to us to develop a simplified 'guideline' to facilitate this." For more information contact eclipse Compliance Testing at (440) 914-TEST (8378), or email the company at sales@eclipsetesting.com.

Company Profile:

eclipse Compliance Testing is a full service regulatory compliance test laboratory and electronic gaming device consulting organization. They serve the regulated gaming, amusement and vending industries. Their management has been testing electronic gaming equipment for all regulated gaming jurisdictions since 1987 and has the expertise and knowledge to provide the gaming, amusement and vending industries with world-class testing and consulting services. ■