

**Santa Ynez Chumash Tribal Chairman Named Tribal Leader of the Year**



Vincent Armenta

Vincent Armenta, Tribal Chairman for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians in California, was recently named "Tribal Leader of the Year" by the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA).

Honored at a ceremony last month at NAFOA's "Next Decade Finance" conference in New Orleans, the award is presented to a tribal leader who has displayed foresight and resolve in the financial advancement of their tribe.

"Chairman Armenta exemplifies the type of leader NAFOA recognizes," said William Lomax, board president of NAFOA. "Under his direction, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians has gone from relative obscurity to being one of the most successful tribes in California."

Accepting the award, Chairman Armenta said that he was honored to be named "Tribal Leader of the Year" by NAFOA and thanked his fellow business committee members for helping him lead their tribal nation to success. "I am privileged to serve on our tribe's leadership team along with a group of dedicated, talented and dynamic leaders," said Armenta. "We have worked diligently to bring both financial and cultural success to our tribe."

Chairman Armenta was first elected to lead his tribal nation in December, 1999 and has been re-elected five times since. Under Chairman Armenta's leadership, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians has experienced significant and measurable success. The tribe's main business enterprise - the Chumash Casino Resort - has become one of the most popular entertainment destinations in the region.

**Valley View Casino's Jennifer Bryant Named CFO of the Year**



Jennifer Bryant

The Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) recently named Valley View Casino's Jennifer Bryant as the organization's tribal gaming facility "Chief Financial Officer of the Year" in its 2010 Financial Leadership Awards. This honor is awarded by NAFOA to recognize innovative thinking in developing the financial plans of a tribe, great leadership and success in implementing ideas for the overall betterment of a tribe.

Bryant was nominated for the award by Leilani Marquiss, Valley View Casino's Director of Finance. In addition to Bryant's uncompromising integrity, exceptional leadership and effective risk management, Marquiss also cited Bryant's many accomplishments as CFO as substantiation for her nomination, including Bryant's participation in the acquisition of \$35 million in financing for Valley View Casino's hotel project on behalf of the San Pasqual Casino Development Group Inc. (SPCDGI), the San Pasqual Band of Indians' tribal corporation which oversees the tribe's

gaming operations. As the Secretary/Treasurer of SPCDGI, Bryant was at the forefront of the effort to be the first tribal entity in the country to take advantage of President Obama's Stimulus Plan and the Build America Bonds program resulting in a 35% interest payment rebate.

"This is a tremendously well deserved honor," said Bruce Howard, General Manager of Valley View Casino. "We are so proud of Jennifer's recognition as NAFOA's CFO of the Year. Her commitment to our entire team and dedication to our company's success are why we continue to garner support from so many financial institutions, and have been able to achieve such positive growth during this challenging financial climate."

**Tamaya Enterprises Names Steve Simon as Interim General Manager at Santa Ana Star Casino**



Steve Simon

Tamaya Enterprises, Inc., business board of Santa Ana Star Casino, recently announced the appointment of Steve Simon, Director of Casino Operations, to Interim General Manager of Santa Ana Star Casino, one of New Mexico's leading Native American gaming casinos. Simon replaces Scott Eldredge who resigned to pursue other interests.

"Scott served as Santa Ana Star Casino's General Manager for one year and has left the organization to pursue other interests," said Aaron Armijo, Chairman for Tamaya Enterprises, Inc. "Under his management, the casino was recognized as one of the best places to work in New Mexico. While we are grateful for Scott's leadership through the last year, Steve is the right person to step-in and continue our renovation and maintain the best guest services program possible."

**Turning Stone Names Allmann Vice President of Sales and Marketing**

Ed Allmann has been chosen as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the Oneida Nation's Turning Stone Resort and Casino, located about 30 miles east of Syracuse, N.Y. In that capacity, he oversees marketing and sales for all facets of the destination resort, including the world class gaming, golf, entertainment, spa, accommodations and dining.



Ed Allmann

Most recently he served as a Senior Vice President of Global Communicators, LLC in Washington, D.C. Previously, he was Director of Hospitality advertising and public relations for The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation before being named Director of Marketing for that organization. In that position, he was involved with its nationally-renowned living history museum, five hotels (among them, the Williamsburg Inn), 10 restaurants, the three Golden Horseshoe Golf courses, and 40-store retail complex.

Earlier in his career, he held several positions for Kohler Co. in Wisconsin, including Manager of External Communication Programs, Manager of Hospitality and Real Estate Advertising and PR, and Manager of Media Relations and Hospitality Marketing. During his 12 years in New York City, he held positions as Deputy Director of the Consumer Product Group for the international public relations firm Hill & Knowlton, and Director of Membership and Assistant Managing Director of "Regine's" Park Avenue dance club and restaurant. Allmann has won numerous national and regional marketing and advertising awards from the American Advertising Federation (ADDY @awards) and the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (Adrian awards).

**GLI Promotes Dan Lewis to Director of Engineering**



Dan Lewis

Gaming Laboratories International has promoted Dan Lewis to Director of Engineering. Lewis has been with GLI for seven years as the company's Technical Devices Manager in the Las Vegas Lab, overseeing the intricate process of device testing. In his new position, Lewis will direct all engineering effort in the Las Vegas Lab and will report directly to Ian Hughes, Senior Director of Engineering & Client Services.

Hughes said, "We are thrilled that Dan has accepted this new position as Director of Engineering. Over the past seven years, Dan has proven himself to be an invaluable team member and team leader, and our customers can continue to feel confident that only the best engineers are testing devices and systems."

Lewis has an extensive engineering background, including engineering support for business application systems, CAE, CAD and CAM products; systems software quality assurance; writing application software; and project management directing new products through agency testing for FCC and UL.

**Konami Gaming Announces Promotion of Ross O'Hanley to Senior Director, North American Game Sales and Marketing**

Konami Gaming, Inc. is pleased to announce that Ross O'Hanley recently assumed the role of Senior Director, North American Game Sales and Marketing.

In addition to his current marketing management role, O'Hanley will take on the operational and strategic responsibilities for North American game sales. This new role has been established to provide additional focus on increasing Konami's market share in North America, which is in alignment with the company's objective of being a top tier supplier of gaming and systems products on a global basis.

O'Hanley joined Konami as Senior Director of Market-



Ross O'Hanley

ing in October of 2008. Since then, he has worked closely with the slot sales division on product release strategy, branding, communications, and sales.

**Leo A Daly Welcomes Kari L. McCormick**



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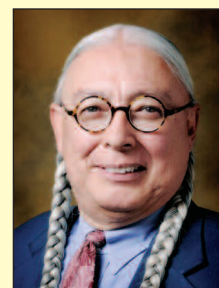
Leo A Daly, a leading international architectural firm is proud to welcome Kari L. McCormick as Director of Business Development. Kari's focus will be within the Southwest market and Indian Country nationally. She comes to the firm with several years of experience as the Director of Business Development at Cumming, a national project and cost management firm.

Currently McCormick serves as the Chair of the Arizona Association of Economic Development Tribal Economic Development Committee and is an active associate member of NIGA. She recently served as chairwoman to the first Arizona Tribal Business Summit which convened more than 14 tribes throughout the Nation. She has also been a panelist at OIGA, NMIGA and various Indian Country conferences.

McCormick is a graduate of Arizona State University and has served on the majority staff at the Arizona State Legislature. She has also served as Director of Family and Christian Education Ministries for over 16 years within the Presbyterian Church.

**Crowe & Dunlevy Attorney Honored at Powwow**

Crowe & Dunlevy attorney and Native American activist Walter R. Echo-Hawk, Jr. was recently honored at the 5th Annual Native Justice Powwow the University of Tulsa Allen Chapman Activities Center. The Powwow recognizes organizations and individuals who have contributed to the legal field through law enforcement, legal services and legal scholarship.



Walter R. Echo-Hawk, Jr.

Sponsored by the University of Tulsa's Native American Law Students Association, the event includes traditional tribal songs and dances throughout the day. Presentations throughout the event honored contributors to the justice systems that serve Native American communities.

Echo-Hawk serves as "Of-Counsel" in Crowe & Dunlevy's Indian law and gaming practice group. His legal experience includes cases involving Native American religious freedom, prisoner rights, water rights, treaty rights and reburial/repatriation rights.

Echo-Hawk has worked as a lawyer for the Native American Rights Fund for more than 35 years. He was instrumental in securing passage of two federal laws that respect Indian and religious freedoms and also the repatriation of Native American remains to Indian tribes. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Native American Arts & Culture Foundation. ♣