

## Joseph Nayquonabe, Jr. is Named New Corporate Vice President of Marketing for Grand Casinos



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The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe's Corporate Commission has announced that Joseph Nayquonabe, Jr. has been promoted to Corporate Vice President of Marketing for Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley.

A Grand Casino Associate since 2002, Nayquonabe will be responsible for overseeing the casino's marketing efforts, including advertising, entertainment and promotions, special events, player development, public relations and strategic relationships.

Nayquonabe's decade of service to Grand Casinos has positioned him to play a vital role in shaping the company. He has held several key positions throughout his career at Grand Casino Mille Lacs, including database manager, director of guest service, interim vice president of marketing, and most recently corporate director of marketing.

"Joe is a proven leader who constantly pushes himself to improve his own knowledge and skills," said Raymond Brenny, Senior Vice President of gaming operations for the corporate commission. "He is equally talented at strategy and implementation as well as identifying and capitalizing on good opportunities. I have every confidence that the next ten years of Joe's career will be even more successful than the last ten."

In addition to his work, Nayquonabe serves on the Como Zoo board of directors. In 2009, he was named Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's "Forty Under 40" honoree as well as St. Cloud State's "Graduate of the Decade."

Nayquonabe is currently working on his master's degree in tribal administration and governance from the University of Minnesota Duluth. He is a Mille Lacs Band tribal member.

## Jackson Rancheria Names Robyn Hood as New Player Development Manager

Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort is proud to name Robyn Hood their new Player Development Manager. Hood, who most recently was an Executive Casino Host at Red Hawk Casino, is in charge of managing a team of two Executive Casino Hosts and 14 Casino Hosts.

"We are pleased to have someone of Robyn's caliber heading up such an important part of our marketing team," says Marketing Director Mark Bommarito. "With a new gaming area, five restaurants and a much easier access opening this year, Robyn and her Hosts will be vital in



Robyn Hood

welcoming everyone to the new Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort."

Hood began her career as a Race and Sports Book Writer at the Flamingo Hilton Reno in 1991. Since then, she has served as an Executive Casino Host at properties such as Atlantis Casino Resort, Siena Hotel Spa and Casino, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Thunder Valley Casino Resort and Red Hawk Casino before being named Player Development Manager for Jackson Rancheria.

"I am excited about all the changes going on here at Jackson Rancheria," she says about the lengthy renovations nearing completion. "Our whole new casino floor and all of our new amenities, and our new direction. I've been doing this for quite some time and it's great to have this team to share my knowledge and experience with."

She adds that her goal is "to create a team and an environment that better serves our guests and makes them want to come here – to a comfortable, homey place where they have fun."

## Jeremy Lyrenmann Named Security Assistant Director at Potawatomi Bingo Casino



Jeremy Lyrenmann

Potawatomi Bingo Casino recently named Jeremy Lyrenmann Assistant Director of Security. In his new position, Lyrenmann will assist in the protection of assets, property, patrons and employees of the Casino.

A member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Lyrenmann brings a wealth of security experience to his position. Since joining Potawatomi Bingo Casino in 2001, he has served as a training officer, shift supervisor and most recently as security shift manager. He has 17 years of customer service experience, with more than 10 years of security experience.

## Northern Quest Resort & Casino Appoints Bryan Franz as Executive Chef

Northern Quest Resort & Casino, located in Spokane, Washington, is pleased to announce the appointment of Bryan Franz as Executive Chef. In this position, Chef Franz serves as the creative force behind the culinary offerings at the 14 dining and banqueting facilities at this destination resort.

Masselow's, the property's fine dining restaurant, was awarded the AAA Four Diamond Award for 2011, the only restaurant in Eastern Washington to achieve this distinction. He will apply his personal culinary credo in day-to-day oper-

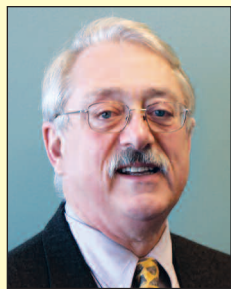
ations. "Popular culture celebrates star chefs. I believe the real star in any kitchen is the food. The best chefs know their reputation is on every plate and that's what truly makes a difference to the guest," said Franz.

Trained at the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, Chef Franz served as Executive Chef at Spokane's legendary Davenport Hotel and Tower prior to this appointment.



Bryan Franz

## Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Corporate Commission Announces Two New Hires



Dan Green

Dan Green has been hired as the Corporate Commission's General Counsel. In this position, Green will serve as the Chief Legal Officer of the company and will oversee its legal department, which is responsible for all aspects of the Corporate Commission and its businesses.

Green has substantial experience in federal Indian law. Prior to joining the Corporate Commission, he served as general counsel to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, where he represented the executive branch of tribal government and its business operations. Green also oversaw the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's legal affairs for 29 years. He represented the tribe in the U.S. vs. Michigan treaty rights litigation, as well as early gaming cases in the drafting of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and in the negotiation of Michigan tribal-state gaming compacts.

"Dan brings a great combination of legal, governance and business experience to the Corporate Commission," said Gail Kulick, Mille Lacs Band Commissioner of Corporate Affairs. "He is an excellent addition to our team, and we are thrilled to have him as our new general counsel."

The commission has also hired Jeff Castillo as the new Director of Investments and Economic Development. Castillo will lead economic development initiatives and develop and execute a strategic plan for the Corporate Commission.

Castillo brings nearly a decade of economic development and business start-up experience to his role. He most recently served as the business and economic development manager for the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe in Arizona, where he oversaw business attraction and creation. He was also responsible for the success of many projects, including an e-commerce venture that provided printing services and office supplies to all of the tribe's businesses.

"Jeff has a strong understanding of the challenges, a clear view of our opportunities, and great working relationships with external partners to help advance our economic

development mission," said Kulick. "I am confident that his mix of tribal and non-tribal experience will be an invaluable asset in boosting the economic vitality of the Corporate Commission."

## Gaming Laboratories International (GLI) Adds Two Leading Consultants to Professional Services Group

Gaming Laboratories International (GLI) recently announced it is expanding its recently created professional services group. Joining the team as Information Systems Auditors are two widely respected consultants, Rodney Arsenault and Murray Lee. Arsenault and Lee will be positioned in GLI's Professional Services offices in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.



Rodney Arsenault

GLI Canada CEO Salim Adatia said, "I am very pleased with this expansion. Adding Rodney and Murray to our existing talent pool gives us the wider breadth of expertise and knowledge required to optimally service the consultancy demands of our valued clients, both in lottery and in non-gaming areas."

"Bringing Rodney and Murray to the GLI team will add tremendous depth and skill to our growing Professional Services team, in particular as it relates to our Information Systems Security (ISS) audits, and we are thrilled to add them to the team," added GLI Professional Services Group Director Gregory Doucette.

Arsenault comes to GLI with extensive experience in lottery and IT systems. Most recently, he served as Process Improvement & Standards Specialist for the Atlantic Lottery Corporation, where he has also served as Product Approvals and Process Manager. Arsenault also has extensive experience in systems testing and technology analysis. He has earned Gaming Standards Association certification to test GSA standards for video lottery systems and terminals.

Lee is a well-regarded IT security professional, who most recently served as IT Security Coordinator for McCain Foods Limited, where he developed, scheduled and delivered all ISO 27001

Security Management documentation and training awareness for the corporation. Lee also managed the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) control risk environment audits of the corporation. He has also served as IT Instructor/Business Applications for CompuCollege in New Brunswick, and was co-founder and Principle Partner of R.E.S. Enterprises, Inc., where he won two major contracts with Canada's Department of Defense.



Murray Lee

## WorthGroup Architects Adds W.C. Gernandt III to its Team



W.C. Gernandt, III

Stepping into new markets requires a new perspective. The WorthGroup Architects aims to acquire that added vision from its latest hire, W.C. Gernandt, III. With a quarter-billion dollars in Native American construction projects under his belt, Gernandt understands not only the bricks and sticks, but also the dynamic cultural, competitive and economic components of Native American-owned

building projects.

As the former Corporate Construction Manager for Cherokee Nation Entertainment, Gernandt, a member of the Cherokee Tribe, served as project manager for the Hard Rock Casino and Resort project in Tulsa, Oklahoma, among others. The Hard Rock continues the tribe's 15 year transformation from owners of a single bingo hall, to a major player in the Native American Gaming industry.

As a member of the WorthGroup Architects team, Gernandt's objective is to parlay his building experience into prosperity for other Native American tribes across the country. "The casino is the generator that powers the machine. It's the tool the Cherokee Nation and others use to secure our future, to keep a sovereign nation running. Everything we do with gaming is designed so we can fund the needs of the tribe and its members," Gernandt said.

In addition to gaming projects, Gernandt also worked on culture and tourism projects, including one of Oklahoma's oldest municipal buildings, the Cherokee National Supreme Court building. Gernandt's experience dovetails with the WorthGroup Architects' plans for expanding its relationships with Native American clients beyond gaming projects.

"W.C. allows us to grow into some new markets we want to explore," Brian J. Fagerstrom, AIA, WorthGroup President, said. "He strengthens our reach within the Native American community."

## Turning Stone Appoints Guy Renzi Vice President of Gaming

Turning Stone Resort Casino has named Atlantic City gaming industry veteran Guy Renzi Vice President of Gaming. In this role, Renzi oversees Table Games, Bingo, Poker, Multi-games and Keno.

Renzi most recently served as Vice President of Casino Games at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. Prior to that, he served as gaming shift manager at Trump Taj Mahal, where he started as a pit manager. Renzi also learned the



Guy Renzi

intricacies of hotel and butler management while serving as hotel operations manager at the Taj Mahal.

Renzi began his gaming industry career in 1980 working as a craps dealer and part of the opening team at Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino in Atlantic City. He transferred to Harrah's at Trump Plaza in 1984 where he assisted in the development and implementation of a new player rating system.

## FutureLogic Adds Midwestern Sales Presence for Gaming Industry

FutureLogic has hired Ted Grevelis as its Business Development Manager for the Midwest. As a top-producing sales management professional, Grevelis' background spans technical sales, sales management, new business development and account management experience, as well as knowledge of U.S., Asian, Canadian and European markets.



Ted Grevelis

"With this appointment, FutureLogic has strengthened its sales presence in the very important Midwest region of the U.S.," said Nick Micalizzi, FutureLogic's Vice President of Sales and Marketing North America. "Ted's expertise will be invaluable for bringing FutureLogic's world-class printers and intelligent promotional couponing solutions, as well as localized support, to our customers."

Before joining FutureLogic, Grevelis worked for nearly 10 years at IGT where he started as Systems Sales Executive and then became Director of Sales. Prior to that, he was a Sales Representative for Silicon Gaming in Las Vegas.

## National Congress of American Indians to Honor Professor Eddie Brown in Washington, D.C.

Arizona State University Professor Eddie Brown will be honored this month by the National Congress of American Indians for his commitment to tribal sovereignty and his work to build strong, healthy Native communities at an annual leadership awards banquet in Washington, D.C.

"It's always nice to be recognized, especially when it's among your own people and people you've worked a lifetime with. I'm very honored," Brown said. Other honorees include Congressman Don Young (R-Alaska), Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk and the Washington Internship for Native Students at





Eddie Brown

American University.

Brown, the executive director of the American Indian Policy Institute, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has worked for years to preserve the rights granted to Native Americans to determine their destiny as sovereign tribes. Tribal Sovereignty is an inherent right for Native Americans. "As American Indians, tribal sovereignty is what we hang our hats on. That is

the foundation and the underpinning that established our relationship with the federal government," Brown said.

Brown served as Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs in the United States Department of Interior and pushed for self-governance legislation that recognized the rights of tribes to contract with the federal government to run their own programs. "Tribal governments don't really fit into the governance structure in the United States. That's why we need federal Indian law to protect rights of Native people," he said.

As the former director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Brown worked with states and counties to implement the Indian Child Welfare Act in an era when Native American children were being adopted and taken away from reservations. "Federal legislation gave American Indians the right to control their most special resource and that is children," he said.

### Gaming Standards Association Announces New Board Leadership

The Gaming Standards Association, the world's leading standards-setting organization for the gaming industry, recently elected new Board leadership, and the members represent a wide range of the gaming industry.

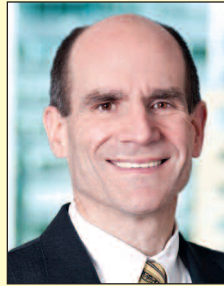
Adrian Marcu, Vice President of Global Technical Architecture at IGT, will serve as GSA's Chairman. Elected as Vice Chair was Walt Eisele, Vice President Technology at Bally Technologies. Now serving as Treasurer is Mark Pace, VP Network Gaming Engineering & Operations for WMS Gaming. Rick Gilhuly, Chief Information Officer for Manitoba Lotteries Corp., will serve as GSA's Secretary.

GSA Board of Directors members are Don Doucet, Spielo; Syed Hussain, Oregon State Lottery; Julius Patta, Aristocrat Technologies; Melissa Price, Caesars Entertainment; Klaus Peltsch, Ontario Lottery & Gaming Corporation; Jeannie-Marie Wilkins, Isle of Capri Casinos; and Jeff Wyton, Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission.

"We are delighted with our new leadership team. We are also very excited that our Board of Directors represents such a broad spectrum of the gaming industry,

because GSA standards are beneficial to the entire industry," said GSA President Peter DeRaedt.

### Recognized Gaming Law Attorney, Mark Hichar, Joins Hinckley, Allen & Snyder



Mark Hichar

Marc A. Crisafulli, Managing Partner of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP, recently announced that Mark Hichar has joined the firm as a partner in its corporate and business law group and chair of the firm's gaming law practice.

"We are excited to broaden our corporate practice with such an outstanding lawyer with national and international expertise in the growing business of Internet gambling," said Crisafulli. "The addition of Mark's expertise and reputation will further define and significantly expand Hinckley Allen's expertise in gaming law."

Hichar joins Hinckley Allen from Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP where he was a partner. He has advised Fortune 1000 companies throughout the world on gaming regulatory matters including the structuring of joint ventures, government procurement processes, and corporate governance issues for casinos and providers of gaming systems and software service providers. Prior to joining then Edwards & Angell, Hichar served as Assistant General Counsel at GTECH Holding Corporation from 1990 to 2000.

### AIANTA Hires Membership Coordinator

Increased funding for 2012 has made it possible for the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) to hire a part-time Membership Coordinator. The coordinator will be responsible for the development of the Member Services Program. As Michelle Paisano assumes her new position with AIANTA, she brings more than 25 years of administrative and management experience to the AIANTA organization.

Michelle has worked for various agencies and organizations, such as the Denver Indian Center, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, and the Department of Energy. "We are very excited about bringing Michelle on board. With her experience and background, we are confident she will be able to build a program that meets the needs of our membership and expands our outreach as an association," says Leslie Kedelty, Executive Director of AIANTA.

Michelle is Laguna and Acoma Pueblo and is also a renowned clay artist. Her clay sculptures, pottery and clay vessels are a reflection of Pueblo culture and tradition. Her work has been featured at the Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C. ♣