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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

The Indian Gaming 2010 Tradeshow & Convention was a terrific success, all the more so given the 25th anniversary celebration of the National Indian Gaming Association. It was exciting to see so many gathered to celebrate the success of the organization as well as the success of Indian Country as a whole. Our congratulations to NIGA on hosting one of the industry's most anticipated annual events.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals recently upheld the decision of a San Diego federal judge that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger negotiated in bad faith with the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians. The governor had imposed what the court ruled an illegal tax on the tribe during compact negotiations, which he saw as a means to help fix the state's budget. This decision should help reaffirm the unique status of Indian tribes as sovereign nations and should have a positive impact on future compact negotiations.

The NIGC might soon be getting a new Chair. President Obama has nominated Tracie Stevens, a member of the Tulalip Tribes, for the position. If confirmed by the Senate, Stevens will succeed former Chairman Phil Hogen. The NIGC has already appointed Steffani Cochran (Chickasaw) as Vice Chair and Dan Little, former Government Affairs Manager for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, as Associate Commissioner.

This month we head to Mystic Lake Resort & Casino in Prior Lake, MN for the annual GPIGA's annual Great Plains/Midwest/Rocky Mountain Conference & Tradeshow, held May 16-19. The show is always a great opportunity for industry leaders and professionals to see the latest gaming technologies as well as to take part in the numerous educational and training seminars. If you're able to attend, be sure to stop by the booth and say hello!



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