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FROM THE PUBLISHER

The National Indian Gaming Association's annual tradeshow held last month in San Diego was a great success. A big congratulations to NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Ed Gallo and the Urban team, and Victor Rocha who did a terrific job building an informative meeting. It was exciting to see such a positive attendance increase. The new games, technology and services that were presented this year is a reminder of how the Indian gaming industry pushes the envelope and develops incredible new ideas for the entire gaming industry.

I remember the days when slot machines used to dump coins in a tray and the noise and excitement that generated. Then came the ticket-in-ticket-out technology, which was first adopted by the Indian casinos and quickly became the gaming industry standard. This year I saw a demo where game credits are transferred to a players smart phone, then transferred onto a slot machine or table game. This new technology is exciting for the industry and a great example of how Indian gaming is at the forefront of new innovations. It is a fantastic time to be involved in Indian gaming and exciting to see where these types of new technologies take our industry in the years ahead.

We continue to see an increase in new openings and expansions, and it's no wonder that all of the hard work and dedication tribes have put into expanding their businesses has paid off – for the surrounding communities and the public as well. Be sure to check out the Q&A in this issue with the leading companies at the forefront of hospitality and design in Indian Country.

Next month we head to the Northwest Indian Gaming Conference & Expo held June 19-21 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, WA. If you are able to attend the show, please stop by our booth and say hello!



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