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# The MICHIGAN GAMING Newsletter



## FREE ACCESS TO 2016 GLOBAL GAMING EXPO EXHIBIT HALL

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The Global Gaming Expo ("G2E"), which is presented by the American Gaming Association (AGA), will be held in Las Vegas September 27 – 29 at the Sands Expo and Convention Center. NBA Commissioner Emeritus David J. Stern will be a featured speaker and will discuss with AGA president Geoff Freeman the future of sports betting and its impact on major professional sports, as well as how the NBA's expansion parallels the casino gaming industry.

The AGA states that G2E 2016 will feature robust conversation on the industry's hottest topics with engaging programs by the nation's top experts to prepare attendees for the rapidly growing casino gaming landscape.

NIGA Chairman Ernest Stevens Jr. and AGA President and CEO Geoff Freeman will also appear on stage together to discuss the further

unification and evolution of the relationship between the casino industry's two key sectors, Native American and commercial casinos

#### 2016 Additional New Show Elements Include:

- Keynotes All Three Days
- Integrated Resort Experience Moves to the Main Show Floor
- Re-Introduction of Tuesday/Wednesday Tracks
- AGA Member Discount

Registration for the 2016 G2E exhibit hall and G2E seminars is now open. For Registration, Pricing Packages and Overview please visit:

[www.GlobalGamingExpo.com](http://www.GlobalGamingExpo.com)

RMC Legal will be exhibiting at the show in booth no. 3316. Stop by and see us.

## FANTASY SPORTS LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN MICHIGAN HOUSE

Yesterday, September 8, 2016, State Representative Miller (R - Sherman Township) introduced [House Bill No. 5849](#) that proposes to amend the penal code to permit certain fantasy sports contests under certain conditions. The proposed language of the amendment is as follows:

*Sec. 310c. This chapter does not apply to participation in a fantasy or simulation sports game or educational game or contest as described in and that meets all of the conditions of [31 USC 5362\(1\)\(E\)\(ix\)](#) if the prize or purse is \$3,000.00 or less.*

MCL 750.301 *et seq.* can be found on the Michigan Legislature's website by [clicking here](#).

## MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

The Michigan Gaming Control Board ("MGCB") will hold its regular public meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the MGCB Detroit office, Cadillac Place, 3062 West Grand Blvd., Suite L-700, in Detroit.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following items:

- A. Consider the Casino Audit & Enforcement Division's Recommendations Regarding Level 1 and Level 2 Occupational License Applications
- B. Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Applications of
  1. dPOP, Inc., Board File No. SL006701-16-001
  2. Micro Wise, Inc., Board File No. SL001572-16-001
- C. Consider the Executive Director's Reports and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Supplier License Renewal Requests of
  1. 1st Choice Distributors, LLC, Board File No. SL005841-16-001
  2. Aristocrat Technologies, Inc., Board File No. SL000038-16-002
  3. Diversified Construction Specialists, Inc., Board File No. SL006178-16-001
  4. E.GADS, LLC, Board File No. SL000961-16-001
  5. Guideline Mechanical, Inc., Board File No. SL000186-16-002
  6. Happ Controls, Inc., Board File No. SL000543-16-001
  7. JMC Electrical Contractor, LLC d/b/a JMC Technology Group, Board File No. SL006220-16-001

8. KBD, Inc., Board File No. SL004566-16-001
  9. Lavdas Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Lavdas Limousines, Inc., Board File No. SL001574-16-001
  10. Mastercraft FC LLC, Board File No. SL006835-16-001
  11. Premier Services Group LLC, Board File No. SL000833-16-001
  12. Royal Magnate, Inc., Board File No. SL006696-16-001
  13. Sachse Construction and Development Company, L.L.C. d/b/a Sachse Construction, Board File No. SL006640-16-002
  14. Tom Maceri and Son, Inc., Board File No. SL000234-16-001
- D. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding Suitability of New Key Persons of Supplier Licensee IGT
1. Blu Acquario Prima S.p.A. & Investendo Due S.r.L., Board File No. SL000002-16-001
- E. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendations Regarding the Pending Transfers of Interest In
1. Gemellaro Systems Integration, Inc., Board File No. SL004418-16-001
  2. IGT, Board File No. SL000002-16-002
- F. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending License Application Withdrawal of
1. US Foods, Inc., Board File No. SL005581-16-001
- G. Consider the Casino Audit & Enforcement Division's Recommendation Regarding Acknowledgment of Violation of Supplier Licensee
1. Bally Technologies, Inc., Board File No. SDA-2016-01
- H. Consider the Executive Director's Report and Casino Audit & Enforcement Division's Recommendations Regarding the Acknowledgment of Violation of Supplier Licensee
1. IGT, Board File No. SDA-2016-02
- I. Consider the Executive Director Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Casino License Renewal of MGM Grand Detroit, LLC, Board File No. MGM-16-003
- J. Consider the Executive Director Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Casino License Renewal of Detroit Entertainment, LLC, d/b/a MotorCity Casino, Board File No. MCC-16-002
- K. Consider the Executive Director Report and Licensing & Investigations Division's Recommendation Regarding the Pending Casino License Renewal of Greektown Casino, LLC, Board File No. GTC-16-003
- L. Detroit Entertainment L.L.C. Presentation of Proposed Refinancing
- M. Consider the Proposed Public Meeting Schedule for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year
- The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the staff briefing, followed immediately by the agenda items. The meeting will take place in the Cadillac Place in Detroit's New Center Area near the John Lodge Freeway (M-10), between Second Avenue and Cass Avenue. The Fisher Building and the Albert Kahn Building are nearby landmarks.
- For more information regarding the MGCB, please visit its website at: [www.michigan.gov/mgcb](http://www.michigan.gov/mgcb)

## **MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT, COO OF MGM GRAND DETROIT**

Yesterday, September 8, 2016, MGM Resorts International (“MGM”) announced that it has promoted longtime MGM Resorts executive Michael Neubecker to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of MGM Grand Detroit.

Mr. Neubecker replaced previous MGM Grand Detroit President and COO Steven Zanella, subject to approval by gaming regulators.

According to MGM, Mr. Zanella has been promoted to President of Core Properties, a new position overseeing operations at five of the company’s major Las Vegas resorts, including Monte Carlo Resort and Casino, New York-New York Hotel & Casino, Luxor Hotel and Casino, Excalibur Hotel & Casino and Circus Circus Las Vegas. In this executive leadership role, Mr. Zanella will manage development initiatives and the synchronization and strategic alignment of corporate initiatives.

“Steve is a true hospitality talent, and Mike is uniquely qualified to fill this very important position at our market-leading property,” said Corey Sanders, Chief Operating Officer of MGM Resorts. “Mike has a long history of success working at MGM Grand Detroit and our other properties. He was born in Michigan, is a graduate of Central Michigan University, and has strong links to the community, including family and friends.”

Since 2008, Mr. Neubecker has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Previously at MGM Grand Detroit, he served as the Executive Director of Finance, Assistant Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer. He was a key member of the project team responsible for planning and building the permanent facility for MGM Grand

Detroit, which opened in 2007.

During the 1990s, Mr. Neubecker was Director of Finance, Construction Controller and Senior Accountant at MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

He was born and raised in Clare, Mich. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University.

Mr. Zanella took the reins of MGM Grand Detroit in 2010 as General Manager, and was later promoted to President & COO of the property.

A veteran of the hospitality industry with more than 20 years of experience, he joined the Company in 1991 as a participant in the Management Associate Program, a hands-on training curriculum for college graduates.

After two years in finance-related positions, Mr. Zanella was promoted to Domestic Marketing Administrator for Table Games Marketing at The Mirage Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. From there, he traveled to Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi, Miss. to serve as Director of Slot Marketing and Player Development. Mr. Zanella was promoted to Vice President of Slot Operations at Beau Rivage two years later, before returning to Las Vegas in 2001.

Upon his return to Las Vegas, he held the positions of Vice President of Slot Operations, Vice President of Slots and Entertainment, and Senior Vice President of Marketing for MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

Mr. Zanella was born and raised in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Hotel Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He earned his Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Michigan’s Stephen M. Ross School of Business in 2014.