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# The \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN GAMING \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter



## FIFTH ANNUAL *GLOBAL GAMING BUSINESS* GAMING AND TECHNOLOGY AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Each year for the past five years, a leading gaming industry publication has awarded gaming business technology awards to companies who have put forth the cutting edge products that are reshaping the gaming industry.

The 5th Annual *Global Gaming Business* Gaming and Technology Awards have been announced. The awards are the gaming industry's most prestigious awards for products and services that enhance the gaming experience. The honors are designed to recognize and encourage innovation in the rapidly changing casino industry. The 2007 Winners have recently been announced in the February issue of *Global Gaming Business* magazine and at the International Casino Exposition (ICE) in London which is taking place January 22-24, 2008.

This year the awards were presented in three categories, and the following winners of each category are listed below:

### Best Consumer-Service Technology

This category concerns technology that directly touches the customers, and directly impacts the experience of the customer.

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|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 1st | IGT EZ Pay Smart Card                 |
| 2nd | Bally Technologies iVIEW Media Server |
| 3rd | Las Vegas Gaming Inc. PlayerVision    |

### Honorable Mention

Paltronics AV Logica (AVL) Suite of Products  
Multimedia Games Bonus Revolution

### Best Productivity-Enhancement Technology

This category describes a technology that makes a job or task easier and more efficient.

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- 1st IGT sb Floor Manager
- 2nd Aristocrat Ace Interactive Gaming Solution V4.0
- 3rd Bally Technologies Game Maker Scheduler

**Honorable Mention**

Sona Mobile Gaming System  
Resort Advantage Title 31 eSubmission-Automated FinCEN e-Filing

Best Slot Product

This product is the favorite new slot product of the year.

- 1st Aristocrat Viridian Gen7
- 2nd IGT Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade Slots
- 3rd WMS The Wizard of Oz

**Honorable Mention**

Bally Technologies Fireball  
Bally Technologies Quick Hit Platinum

The judging of awards was done at the Global Gaming Expo (G2E) and also by the written submissions given by each company to the judging committee. Judges were able to visit the booths of the exhibitors at the G2E to evaluate the nominees.

The judges for this year's awards were: Claudia Winkler, president, GHI Solutions Inc. in Las Vegas; Robert Russell, gaming analyst, Regulatory Management Counselors, P.C., James Wortman, director of the Gaming Education and Research Institute, at the University of Houston's Conrad N. Hilton College; Charles Lombardo, consultant and former vice president of slot operations for Seminole Gaming.

**CASINO ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT  
MAGAZINE TO HONOR GREAT WOMEN  
OF GAMING**

Casino Enterprise Management Magazine will hold their second annual 'Great Women of Gaming' conference, awards ceremony and banquet on April 6-7, 2008 at the Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa in Las Vegas. The event is designed to "celebrate the perseverance, drive, commitment, mentorship and professionalism these women have brought to the gaming industry."

Ten women will be named as 2007's Great Women in Gaming ("GWG") at the awards banquet on April 7. Five 'Proven Leaders' and five 'Rising Stars' will be chosen based on their achievements in certain areas of their profession by the GWG Nominations Review Committee.

To qualify, candidates must have worked in the gaming industry for a certain allotted amount of time and must have held their current positions for at least one year. In addition, candidates must have demonstrated exceptional achievement in at least three of the following areas:

1. Ability to go above and beyond job responsibilities
2. Commitment to company and co-workers
3. Contributions to the industry as a whole
4. Commitment to mentoring.
5. Strong overall life balance.

The nomination deadline for the Great Women of Gaming has been extended to February 29, 2008. Nomination forms, as well as additional information about the event, can be found at: [www.greatwomenofgaming.com](http://www.greatwomenofgaming.com).

**OHIO VOTER INITIATIVE CASINO  
PROPOSAL: COLLECTION OF PETITION  
SIGNATURES BEGINS**

On January 16, 2007, the organization MyOhioNow.com, LLC (MyOhioNow) began collecting petition signatures in support of an initiative proposal to build a casino in Clinton County, Ohio. Supporters hope to gather enough petition signatures to place the initiative petition on the November 4, 2008 ballot. Three petitions have been presented to the Ohio Attorney General by MyOhioNow during the past year.

The first petition, which sought to amend the Ohio Constitution and allow for a privately-owned casino resort in Clinton County, Ohio, was initially rejected on November 13, 2007 as it did not comply with Ohio law. A second petition, which was filed a week later on November 20, 2007, was initially approved by the Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann. However, on December 5, 2007 the Ohio Ballot Board determined that the petition was actually three separate proposed constitutional amendments. The first of which asking for authorization of a casino, a second to allow the granting of a liquor permit, and finally a third to empower a gaming control commission to make laws regulating the casino.

In response to the Ohio Ballot Board's decision, a third petition was submitted to the Ohio Attorney General on December 11, 2007 which consequently was certified on December 20, 2007 by Attorney General Dann. The petition was also certified by Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner and the Ohio Ballot Board. A summary of the revised petition language can be found on the MyOhioNow website ([www.myohionow.com](http://www.myohionow.com))

A minimum of 402,205 signatures from 44 of Ohio's 88 counties are required for this proposal to be placed on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

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