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MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD DEVELOPS FANTASY CONTEST TAX FORMS

The Michigan Gaming Control Board recently announced that it had finalized and posted the monthly fantasy contest tax form. The form and instruction can be found [here](#). Michigan passed the Fantasy Contests Consumer Protection Act in December 2019 permitting fantasy sports operators to continue to offer contests in Michigan if they had been doing so in Michigan as of May 1, 2018. Operators must report revenue monthly and pay a tax of 8.4% on adjusted revenues to the MGCB. Forms are due on the 20th of each month reporting the previous month's activity.

NCPG ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBER AND NEW VICE PRESIDENT

The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) announced the appointment of a new Director for an Organizational Members seat and the election of a new Vice President earlier this week. The NCPG is an advocacy organization for people and their families who are affected by problem gambling.

Raquel Buari will fill the Organization Members seat on the Board of Directors following the resignation of Chelsea Turner. Ms. Buari is the Vice President of Compliance for Four Winds Casinos, owned and operated by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi in southwest Michigan and Indiana. Ms. Buari began working for Four Winds in 2009, and has led the compliance team since 2014, including responsible gaming efforts.

Ms. Buari served on the NCPG Planning Committee for the Tribal Summit on Responsible Gaming and the Awards Committee. She is a board member for the Michigan Association on Problem Gambling and the Indiana Council on Problem

Gambling. Ms. Buari is a graduate of Ball State University and Valparaiso University School of Law. She will serve for the remainder of the term through July 2022.

"I look forward to continuing to contribute to the NCPG by bringing forward my experience with Tribal Gaming, law and regulation particularly in regard to casino operators," said Ms. Buari. "I'm keenly interested in how operators can continue to effectively improve their initiatives, policies and procedures for guests who are experiencing problems with gambling."

Stacy Shaw has been elected to the office of Vice President. Ms. Shaw is serving in an Organizational seat for the Oregon Lottery and has decades of experience. She provides leadership and strategic direction for the Lottery's responsible gaming and problem gambling programs.

"NCPG is honored to have leaders like Raquel and Stacy," said Executive Director of NCPG Keith Whyte. "Their perspectives and experiences will be invaluable in helping to guide our organization through these difficult times."

JOIN WEBINAR SERIES "GAMING IN CRISIS: THE PATH BACK"

Regulatory Management Counselors, along with The Innovation Group and Global Gaming Business Magazine, will present a webinar series designed to help gaming companies, employees, investors, and customers navigate the new normal for the gaming industry during the coronavirus pandemic.

The *Gaming in Crisis* webinar series will analyze the recovery path for each segment of the gaming industry. Speakers will examine and identify impacts, mitigation measures, and best practices in their respective fields for making it through and moving forward.

The first webinar in the series, "Beyond CARES: How the Relief Bill Helps the Industry and Employees and Where it May Fall Short," will be

held Thursday, April 16, at 2:00 pm EDT. This webinar will review how relief funds can be distributed to companies, decisions about employees, liability issues, and mitigation practices.

Speakers include:

- Jennifer Martinez: President and CEO, Consult HR Partners, LLC
- Anthony Sanfilippo: Co-Founder of Sorelle Capital, Sorelle Entertainment, and Sorelle Hospitality
- Matt Sodl: Founding Partner, President & Managing Director, Innovation Capital

The webinar will be moderated by Robert Russell, Gaming Analyst at Regulatory Management Counselors, PC.

The second webinar of the series, "Taking Care of Business: Difficult Decisions Ahead," will be held Thursday, April 23, at 2:00 pm EDT. This webinar will explore some of the pressing decisions each property will have to make as casinos look to reopen after the pandemic. Speakers are to be announced.

The *Gaming in Crisis* series is free to attend, but requires registration. Interested persons should register [here](#) and contact Allison McCoy at amccoy@theinnovationgroup.com with any questions.