

GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2017 GAMING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Stacey Luna Baxter, Executive Director

Executive Director Stacey Luna Baxter called the January 26, 2017, meeting of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC), to order at 1:30 p.m. She announced that the GPAC meeting was being lived streamed via the Commission's website.

2. Introduction of New Members

Stacey Luna Baxter was pleased to note a full committee and introduced GPAC's newly appointed members: Art Van Loon for Category E, small cardrooms, Troy Murphy for Category F, law enforcement, and William Liu for Category G, accounting.

3. Roll Call of GPAC Members

Roll call of the Committee Members was taken. Joy Harn, Robert Jacobson, Haig Kelegian, Jr., Darrell Miers, Yolanda Morrow, Troy Murphy, Keith Sharp, Art Van Loon, and William Lu were present. Tom Hallinan was absent.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2016

Joy Harn moved to approve the November 3, 2016 meeting minutes. Robert Jacobson seconded the motion and by consensus the Committee Members approved the minutes.

5. Discussion of GPAC Role

- A. Review and Discussion of GPAC Mission Statement: To provide advisory recommendations to the California Gambling Control Commission concerning matters of controlled gaming regulatory policy and other relevant gambling related issues, with special attention to guaranteeing the integrity of gambling operations and to deal effectively with problem gambling.

Stacey asked the current members to review the current GPAC Mission Statement and identify any requested changes. There were no comments or concerns regarding the current GPAC Mission Statement.

6. Update and Discussion of Current Projects:

A. Surveillance Requirements for Video Clarity and Format (Sub-Committee Member: Darrell Miers)

- Request for Motion and Selection of Additional Sub-Committee Member to work on Surveillance Requirement Project

Troy Murphy volunteered to be a sub-committee member to work with Darrel Miers.

Darrel Miers provided an explanation of the project indicating that the genesis of the project involved issues with clarity and readability of surveillance recordings. Darrel Miers also indicated that he hoped to have some draft language completed by April.

Yolanda Morrow offered to have BGC staff attend the next GPAC meeting to discuss their views regarding cardroom surveillance equipment.

B. Review of the Licensing Structure (Sub-Committee Members: Haig Kelegian, Jr. & Yolanda Morrow)

Yolanda Morrow reported that the Bureau contacted other states to inquire what their process was for an existing licensee who sought approval to purchase interest in another gambling enterprise within their jurisdiction. The Bureau contacted Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Nevada, and determined that each of these states' licensing process and requirements was similar to that of the Bureau's.

Haig Kelegian, Jr. indicated that the original goal of the sub-committee was to look into how to streamline the licensing process for current licensees. After contacting other states they have learned that the Bureau's process was similar to what other states are currently doing. He stated that any substantial changes in the licensing requirements/process would need to come through legislation. He also indicated that he felt that the sub-committee has met its obligation on this issue and GPAC could consider closing this project.

Stacey Luna Baxter suggested that the committee look into defining the process for temporary licenses for existing licensees to avoid duplicative background investigation efforts of the Bureau and to speed up the process for applicants.

Yolanda and Haig agreed to work together and outline the current scope of a temporary license background and a proposal for the GPAC members to review at the next meeting.

C. Delegating Additional Authority to the Executive Director and/or Bureau (Sub-Committee Member: Keith Sharp)

Keith Sharp provided an explanation of the project and what had been accomplished. He indicated that it may be beneficial to create a list of routine items that could possibly be delegated to the Executive Director.

Art Van Loon volunteered to be a sub-committee member work with Keith Sharp on the project and agreed to have a list for the GPAC members to review at the next meeting.

7. New Projects:

A. Discussion of New Project: GPAC Outreach

- Request for Motion and Selection of Sub-Committee Members to work on GPAC Outreach Project

Stacey Luna Baxter asked if GPAC would consider an outreach project with the intent of reaching out to the smaller cardrooms.

Art Van Loon suggested having GPAC speak at the next California Gaming Association (CGA) meeting.

Robert Jacobson suggested using the Responsible Gaming Council to help get information out about GPAC.

Other suggestions brought up by the members included mailing to all card rooms a GPAC brochure or pamphlet, including GPAC information in the CGA newsletter, and also providing information on regulatory changes in the past three to five years.

Stacey Luna Baxter indicated that she will work with Commission staff to develop a starting point to bring back to GPAC and will ask for sub-committees to work on various parts of this project at the next meeting.

8. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Stacey Luna Baxter announced that she hopes to forward an advertising regulation draft package to GPAC members for their review and for discussion at the next GPAC meeting.

Joy Harn suggested developing a new committee to look into regulatory clean-up of existing Commission regulations. This will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Stacey Luna Baxter indicated that the topic of Third Party Proposition Player Provider annual fees will also be included on the next GPAC meeting agenda for discussion. Yolanda Morrow indicated that she would ask Bureau staff who work with the Third Party Providers to attend the next GPAC meeting.

9. Next Meeting

It was decided that the next GPAC meeting would be scheduled on March 9, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

10. Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.