



## NCPG Announces 2017-2018 Officers

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Washington, DC -- The National Council on Problem Gambling announces the results of the elections for officers to guide the organization for the 2017-2018 term. Marlene Warner was elected President, Chip Polston was elected as Vice-President and Julie Hynes as Secretary. Ray Pineault was re-elected as Treasurer. All officers serve one year terms, with the President subject to a limit of two terms.

President Marlene D. Warner is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. She has been with the Massachusetts Council since 2001, serving first as Program Director and becoming Executive Director in 2011. Ms. Warner received her M.A. from The George Washington University in Washington DC and B.A. from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining the Mass. Council, she worked for The National Breast Cancer Coalition in Washington, DC.

Vice President Chip Polston holds bachelor's degrees in broadcasting and political science, and a master's in education. He serves as the Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling's representative to the NCPG, as chair of the NCPG's Awards committee, and previously served on the NCPG's Communications committee. He has been a member of the NASPL Responsible Gaming Committee for 11 years, and for the past five years on the World Lottery Association's (WLA's) responsible gaming workgroup, a six-member panel that addresses responsible gambling practices for the global community.

Secretary Julie Hynes, MA, RD, CPS, has specialized in problem gambling prevention since developing PreventionLane at Lane County Public Health's Problem Gambling Prevention Program in 2002. A Certified Prevention Specialist, Ms. Hynes has been involved in numerous regional and nationwide leadership roles, media and public policy efforts, addictions prevention integration efforts, and work to increase the use of technology in prevention. Ms. Hynes has been serving on the NCPG Prevention Committee since 2011. Ms. Hynes holds a Master of Arts from California State University, Long Beach, and a Bachelor of Science from California Polytechnic State University.

Ray Pineault brings more than 21 years of legal and business expertise to his position with NCPG, where he currently serves as Treasurer and as Chair of NCPG's Finance Committee; and has served for three years as a member of the NCPG Development Committee. As President and General Manager at Mohegan Sun, Pineault manages and oversees all day-to-day operations, and has served for more than seven years as chair/co-chair of the company's Responsible Gambling committee. Pineault has been with the Mohegan Tribe and Mohegan Sun since March 2001. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of

Connecticut as well as a law degree from Quinnipiac College School of Law. He resides in Glastonbury, Connecticut with his wife and three children.

NCPG is the national advocate for problem gamblers and their families. NCPG is neutral on legalized gambling and works with all stakeholders to promote responsible gaming.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the National Problem Gambling Helpline Network at 800.522.4700 for confidential help.

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