

NCPG Renews Advisory Board Experts Help Guide Advocacy, Awareness and Assistance

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Washington, DC - The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG), the leading national organization for people and their families who are affected by problem gambling and gambling addiction, proudly announces the renewal of its Advisory Board for the 2020-2021 term. The Advisory Board offers a way for experts and leaders in the fields of problem gambling and responsible gambling from across the globe, who are actively engaged with NCPG, to provide their innovative advice and dynamic perspectives on matters of significance to the NCPG Board of Directors and leadership.

"The problem and responsible gambling environment in the US is changing rapidly with the continued expansion of casinos, lotteries, and the addition of sports betting. NCPG faces an ever more complex ecosystem of issues to address," said Keith Whyte, Executive Director of NCPG. "We are so thankful to and excited for the Advisory Board members to collaboratively guide NCPG in our efforts to raise awareness about problem gambling and increase resources for addressing this important issue."

Joining the Advisory Board for the new term is **Nanette L. Horner, JD**. Ms. Horner has been an attorney in the gaming industry since 1996. She is well known in the problem gambling field as the first director of the Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB), where she was a regulator and Deputy Chief Counsel assigned to the Bureau of Licensing. She most recently served as Executive Vice President, Chief Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer with Empire Resorts, Inc. in New York. She previously worked as a gaming attorney with Brown, Michael & Carroll, PC where her practice involved representation of individuals, companies and Native American Tribes engaged in legalized gaming, both domestically and internationally. Ms. Horner was an adjunct professor of law at Rutgers School of Law in Camden, New Jersey, teaching courses concentrating in various aspects of casino law. She has written articles for gaming publications and is a seasoned speaker for numerous gaming and governmental conferences focusing on the history and future of gaming regulation, corporate social responsibility and problem gambling. Ms. Horner served as the Treasurer and chair of several committees during her two terms as a member of the NCPG Board of Directors, just completed; and is a member of American Mensa and the International Masters of Gaming Law.

Ms. Horner said, "I am honored to be appointed to the Advisory Board and to continue to have an active role in supporting NCPG's Board of Directors and its mission. It is more important than ever for gambling industry, government and regulatory entities to engage in responsible gambling and support for problem gambling services as gambling continues to expand in the US. It is equally important for people in both fields to work together in order to be as effective as possible."

Other 2020-2021 Advisory Board Members with selected history:

Kirsten Clark Executive Director - International Association of Gaming Advisors (IAGA)

Steve Crosby* Founding Chair - Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Don Feeney* Former Research Director - Minnesota State Lottery

Christopher Hebert, JD Associate Attorney General of Louisiana, Director of Gaming Division

Martin Lycka Director of Regulatory Affairs - GVC

Ray Pineault* Regional President, Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment

Richard Schuetz Former Commissioner - California Gambling Control Commission

Valerie Spicer Former Executive Director - Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA)

George Sweny Vice President, Compliance - The Stars Group

Marlene Warner* Executive Director - Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health *Emeritus NCPG Board Members

Several retiring **members** of the 2019-2020 term of Advisory Board were acknowledged at their recent meeting as well. Reece Middleton of the Louisiana Council on Compulsive Gambling unfortunately passed away earlier this summer. Maria-Christina Annaloro of Las Vegas Sands Corporation and Maureen Greeley of the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling stepped down. Both will continue their work in support of problem gambling in other ways - Annaloro remains as the Manager of Government Relations and Responsible Gaming at Sands and Greeley was elected to the NCPG Board of Directors earlier in the year.

About the National Council on Problem Gambling

NCPG is the national advocate for people and families affected by problem gambling. NCPG is neutral on legalized gambling and works with all stakeholders to promote responsible gambling.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call or text the National Problem Gambling Helpline Network at 1-800-522-4700 or visit <u>www.ncpgambling.org/chat</u> for confidential help 24/7/365.

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