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## **ACHIEVING BALANCE IN PUBLIC GAMING POLICY:**

*Can states in 2012 balance gaming initiatives, ensure consumer protections, and promote healthy businesses? Join leading experts to explore how legislatures can approach these challenges.*

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

#### **Officers and Chairs Meeting**

**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

#### **Committee on Lotteries**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

How can lotteries maximize needed state revenue? Will new instant extended play games enhance the consumer experience? Are Web-based subscription services, as introduced in MN, NH, NY, ND, and VA, an answer? What responsible gaming efforts are being implemented?

#### **Committee on Pari-Mutuels**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

How are pari-mutuels faring in the competitive gaming market? How are states with racinos balancing racing and casino operations? What movement on uniform testing and medication? What of new wagering platforms, such as single pool and exchange wagering? How to educate and get new fans?

#### **Committee on Responsible Gaming**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

How can states use data to design treatment and prevention programs with the goal of improved outcomes and cost-effectiveness? Can the socio-economic benefits of treatment and prevention to the state be measured? How can technology be leveraged to create a "streamlined" system and lessen the administrative burden? What is the potential societal impact of legalized internet gambling? A brief look at state funded reports and studies will highlight their effectiveness at answering these questions and more.

#### **Luncheon with Keynote Address**

**12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

#### **SPECIAL SESSION:**

#### **ENHANCING THE LIFESTYLE OF PARI-MUTUEL RACING**

**1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

What can states and tracks do to bolster racing interest? What hurdles are being faced and how are they being met? What are best practices and mistakes to avoid? Is exchange betting a needed transfusion and how should it play? Panel experts will address these questions and more.

#### **State-Federal Relations Committee**

**3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Internet Gaming:** What's the news from Washington? Will new legislation fix what many believe to be the current unworkable policy in Washington? How do state initiatives impact the federal climate?  
**Indian Gaming:** Should a "fix" for the current policy of putting tribal lands into trust be put into place? Should a 2009 Supreme Court decision be reversed and tribes not recognized before 1934 be treated equally? How is the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) consultation process going and what are the next steps in bettering NIGC relationships with tribes and other federal regulatory bodies?

*NCLGS is an organization of state legislators whose main area of public policy concern is gaming legislation and regulation. Legislators active in NCLGS generally chair or are members of the committees responsible for gaming legislation in their respective state houses across the country.*

**Committee on Casinos****4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Many states are queuing up to allow expanded gambling. Should casinos such as those proposed in MA be chosen by a state or local referendum? Ought casino developers to enter into impact agreements? What bidding process for new casinos? Can regulation keep up with technology?

**NCLGS Scholarship Donor Reception****5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.**

*By invitation of the NCLGS Board*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7****TRIBAL GAMING AND THE STATES:****8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.****WHERE SHOULD THE MONEY GO?**

Earlier this year, the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians, located in CA, won a landmark Supreme Court case against former CA Governor Schwarzenegger. Specifically, the case found that the former Governor was negotiating for an illegal tax on the tribe. The decision will have substantial effects nationwide on how states negotiate future compacts and what states can legally ask tribes to pay for. Most recently, Rincon negotiated a deal with San Diego County that will divert funds from CA state coffers but bring millions directly to county infrastructure projects and public safety.

*Questions remain unanswered: Do states have the authority to tax tribal gaming proceeds? Where should tribal gaming moneys go—to mitigate local impacts or do states have the right to share in the profits when giving tribes exclusive gambling rights?*

**EVER-EXPANDING GAMING:****9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.****SHORT-TERM REWARDS V. LONG-TERM IMPACTS?**

More and more, states are looking to gaming to fill in gaps in their budgets. CA, FL, IL, IA, KY, ME, MA, MN, MO, NJ, and OH are joining PA, NY, and MI and others in expanding gaming.

*Will the initial cash flow be outweighed in the long run by inadvertent consequences? Should states conduct objective studies of social and economic impacts prior to taking on new gaming venues? How can states ramp up their regulations to match their new gaming initiatives? Are independent gambling commissions like those in Nevada and New Jersey necessary?*

**Executive Committee/Legislator Roundtable****11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.****SUNDAY, JANUARY 8****INTERNET GAMING LEGISLATION:****8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.****IS DOING NOTHING A WORSE CASE SCENARIO?**

Not much has happened federally since 2006 passage of the Unlawful Internet Gaming Enforcement Act (UIGEA)—and its highly contested ban and much-questioned enforcement—though not for lack of trying. States are now moving toward intrastate internet gaming.

*Since so many Americans are playing Internet poker and forms of Internet wagering, is doing nothing at all worse than actively addressing the issue? How can states protect US bettors from bad players? Address underage and problem gambling? Is there a federal fix in sight?*

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and gaming issues.

