

Redding Rancheria Introduces Tribal Government Officials



L-R: Top Row – Tony Hayward Sr., Jack Potter Jr., Jason Hayward Jr., Jason Hart, Don Benner, and Jeremy Hayward. Bottom Row – JoAnn Turmel, Michelle Hayward, Hope Wilkes, Patty Spaulding and Executive Administrative Assistant, Melodie Honey.

Redding Rancheria recently introduced its Redding Rancheria Tribal Government Officials for 2018-2019. The governing body of the Redding Rancheria is the Tribal Council, which is composed of seven Council members and three alternate Council members elected by its membership. The four candidates receiving the most votes are elected for a two-year term and the other three candidates are elected for a one-year term. The three alternate positions are elected for one-year terms.

The current Council is: Jack Potter Jr., Tribal Chairperson; Jason Hart, Vice Chair; Patty Spaulding, Secretary; and JoAnn Turmel, Treasurer. Council Members are: Hope Wilkes, Michelle Hayward, and Tony Hayward Sr. Alternate positions are: Don Benner, 1st Alternate; Jason Hayward Jr., 2nd Alternate; and Jeremy Hayward, 3rd Alternate.

“The Redding Rancheria is proud to have a respectful government to government relationship with Shasta County, the City of Redding, and local towns within our county,” said Tracy Edwards, CEO Redding Rancheria Tribal Government.

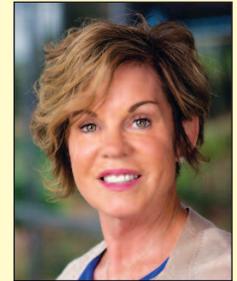
Choctaw Nation Names Janie Dillard as Senior Executive Officer for Choctaw Nation - Division of Commerce

Choctaw Nation recently announced long-time executive Janie Dillard as its Senior Executive Officer of Choctaw Nation’s Division of Commerce. Dillard will oversee daily operations and provide strategic guidance for all Choctaw businesses.

Dillard, a Choctaw tribal member, has worked for the tribe for more than 35 years, most recently as the Executive Officer of Operations for the Division of Commerce. A modern-day trailblazer, Janie set her roots in the gaming

industry when the Choctaw Bingo Palace opened in 1987. As Director of Gaming, she led the Nation’s expansion throughout southeastern Oklahoma. By 2001, she was named Executive Director of Gaming, managing the tribe’s gaming compact with the State of Oklahoma and opening four casinos including the flagship, Choctaw Casino & Resort in Durant – completing all projects debt-free.

“Janie’s proven leadership has been instrumental to the Choctaw Nation’s growth over the past 30 years and she will continue to build on those successes with this new role,” said Chief Gary Batton. “With the plan of expanding the Durant property and her proven history of completing successful projects to meet the needs of our customer, it was an easy decision to promote her to this position.”



Janie Dillard

Dillard served as an officer for the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association for 18 years and won the OIGA Warriors Award for lifetime achievement in 2010. In 2017, she was presented with the prestigious Casino Marketing & Technology Lifetime Achievement Award at the 14th annual Casino Marketing & Technology Conference.

Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel Announces the Promotion of Two Chitimacha Tribal Members



Richard Picard

Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel CEO and General Manager, Mike Howard, recently announced that two members of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana have been promoted to executive roles. Richard Picard will assume his role a Director of Public Relations and Advertising, and Bruce Burgess as Chief Financial Officer. Both are Louisiana natives and have been involved in casino operations

for a number of years.

Picard brings over ten years of experience in marketing and related fields with him into his new role. Picard has held various positions in the gaming, non-profit, and media industries. Most recently, Picard launched the successful “fun and friendly” advertising campaign at Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel and worked to establish the company as South Louisiana’s premier entertainment destination.

Burgess joined Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel in December, 2015. Burgess is responsible for accounting, cage, shipping and receiving, and gift shop departments. Most recently, he was the district manager at Total Safety U.S., and has previously held various other financial and operational

leadership roles with Total Safety, Custom Compression Systems and American Warrior.

“The tribe and Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel is lucky to have the extraordinary talent of both of these individuals,” said Mike Howard, CEO and General Manager at Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel. “We are committed to developing tribal members to become new leaders of the organization.”



Bruce Burgess

Spirit Mountain Casino Appoints Sean Huey as Executive Chef



Sean Huey

Spirit Mountain Casino recently announced the appointment of Sean Huey as the casino's Executive Chef. He brings a dynamic, innovative energy to the dining experience at the Pacific Northwest casino.

A veteran of Mandalay Bay, Chef Huey brings nearly 24 years of culinary experience from around the world. Originally from Guam, he has worked with some of the finest chefs, and studied under French, Japanese, Chinese, Italian, German, Chinese, American and Indian chefs. Prior to joining the team at Spirit Mountain Casino, Chef Huey oversaw six venues in Las Vegas, including banquets. He has also led events and conventions serving up to 25,000.

“I love showing new techniques and adding my own flair,” says Huey. “It's amazing how you can change a dish with one simple technique learned from a different culture. I will be able to go to the casino's high-end restaurant, Legends, and show them fine dining, or the buffet to show them international or the sports bar for bistro brewery pub style food. I want all of our guests to have great memories of their dining experience.”

As Executive Chef, Huey will oversee the casino's six dining venues, including banquets events ranging in size from small meetings to large events of more than 500 people.

Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel Welcomes Amanda Wildblood as Sous Chef

Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel's Executive Chef, Willie Gaspard, recently announced that Amanda Wildblood, a native of Basile, LA, has been named as the casino's Sous Chef.

The Louisiana native brings nearly 20 years in the food industry with her to her new role. Since 2014, Wildblood served as the Assistant Pastry Chef at Coshatta Casino Resort, and worked as an adjunct instructor at South West Louisiana Community College.

In her new position, Wildblood will work to develop new creative food concepts on property, as well as assist in the oversight of the many kitchens on property.

“My desire to entertain and inspire others through the palate is what motivated me to become a chef,” said Wildblood. “I am excited to learn from the talented culinary staff in place at the property, and am eager to teach some of the talents that I bring with me.”



Amanda Wildblood

Spa Resort Casino Recognizes Three Team Members for 25 Years of Service



Spa Resort Casino Senior Vice President and General Manager Roy Corby (center) with team members (left to right) Roy Agriam, Irma Gonzalez, and Jose Godinez at the celebration of their 25 years of service.

Spa Resort Casino in downtown Palm Springs, CA, recently honored three team members for 25 years of dedicated service during a special recognition event. The three team members honored were Roy Agriam, Sous Chef at the Oasis Buffet, Jose Godenez, Engineering Supervisor in the facilities department, and Irma Gonzalez, Culinary II on the dining room team. The three honorees were recognized during a company-wide afternoon event at Spa Resort Casino, with team members and the executive leadership team in attendance.

“We are thrilled to celebrate Roy, Jose, and Irma on their incredible achievement of reaching 25 years of service with Spa Resort Casino,” said Roy Corby, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Spa Resort Casino. “Their years of service are a testament to their commitment and dedication to the organization and our goal of providing the best in service to our visitors. We are honored to have them as part of our Spa Resort Casino family.”

Godinez began his career with the organization in 1993 in the housekeeping department, where he worked for four years before transitioning into the engineering department, overseeing proper functionality of slot machines. Godinez first joined the engineering department as a Maintenance

Mechanic I, and over the years was promoted several times to his current position as Maintenance Supervisor, where he oversees seven team members.

Agriam started at Spa Resort Casino 25 years ago. Known among his team members as an incredible asset with a strong work ethic, in 2005 he moved to the Oasis Buffet and has been there ever since.

Gonzalez joined the housekeeping department as supervisor 25 years ago. She has also worked in the Team Member Dining Room (TDR), Garde Manger and Oasis Buffet. Currently in the TDR, Gonzalez's culinary creations are often featured in the buffet, including her sweet potato salad, cauliflower ceviche, and many more favorites.

Spirit Mountain Casino Appoints Lance McCauley as Hotel Manager



Lance McCauley

Spirit Mountain Casino recently announced the appointment of Lance McCauley as Hotel Manager. McCauley will be managing the hotel team and overseeing all operations for Spirit Mountain Casino's 254 spacious lodge rooms, including its luxurious suites, front desk, bell staff, housekeeping and laundry.

McCauley has previously worked with luxury properties nationwide for more than 28 years. His most recent position was Lodge Manager at Edgewood Tahoe, a luxury property along the shores of Lake Tahoe. Much of his career was spent in Las Vegas where he worked with Bally's Las Vegas, New York, New York, Station Casino Properties and the Las Vegas Hilton.

In his new position, Lance will be focusing on ensuring guest satisfaction and will manage day-to-day hotel operations, raise brand awareness to drive traffic to the hotel, new staff training, guest service, compliance, financial planning and revenue management.

"Leadership at Spirit Mountain Casino is very focused on employees, which is my primary focus as well," says Lance. "When you take care of your employees, in turn they will take care of your guests."

Everi Solidifies Executive Leadership Team

Everi Holdings Inc. recently announced that its Board of Directors has extended the employment agreement of President and Chief Executive Officer, Michael Rumbolz, for an additional two years through January 31, 2021. The extension supersedes Rumbolz's prior employment term, which was to conclude in May 2019.

Since his appointment as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer in February 2016, and subsequently as



Michael Rumbolz

President and Chief Executive Officer beginning May 2016, Rumbolz has overseen the implementation of a series of strategic operating initiatives that have resulted to date in nine consecutive quarters of year-over-year revenue and Adjusted EBITDA growth, a return to profitability for the company, and a significantly improved capital structure. These improvements established the foundation for Everi to begin to generate meaningful free cash flow for fiscal 2018, which is expected to accelerate in fiscal 2019 and beyond.

In addition, the company announced Darren Simmons' promotion to the position of Executive Vice President and FinTech Business Leader, where he will continue to lead Everi's FinTech operations. Simmons served as Everi's Interim FinTech Business Leader during 2018 and under his leadership, the business segment is poised to achieve record operating performance for fiscal 2018. Simmons is responsible for managing the profitability of Everi's FinTech Business and continues to lead product management, product innovation, operations and sales support.



Darren Simmons

"Mike is an invaluable leader who is well-respected across the industry, and we are pleased that we will continue to benefit from his gaming and FinTech industry expertise going forward," said Miles Kilburn, Everi's Board Chairman.

Simmons has nearly 20 years of experience in the Financial Services and Technology industry, with the last 12 years focused on the gaming industry in a variety of senior management roles at Everi. He has unparalleled expertise in managing and developing Everi's FinTech products.

"Throughout the last 12 years, Darren has been a key player in both the growth of our FinTech business and the company's efforts to expand our FinTech product portfolio," said Rumbolz. "We will continue to rely on his deep experience and keen insight to execute on our growth strategy goals for 2019 and to provide the highest quality products and services to our customers worldwide."

Gaming Veteran Michael Bordeaux Joins Ainsworth North America

Ainsworth Game Technology recently announced that Michael Bordeaux has been named Director of Customer Support.

Bordeaux has spent nearly 20 years in technology and service leadership roles at several successful gaming companies, including Scientific Games, Shuffle Master, BMM Testlabs



Michael Bordeaux

and Aristocrat. Most recently, he served as Vice President of Technology Services at Aries.

Bordeaux will be based in Ainsworth's North American headquarters in Las Vegas. He will be responsible for service and support across for Class III, Class II, Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Scratch Ticket System products.

IGT's Luke Orchard Elected President of the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers

International Game Technology (IGT) recently announced that Luke Orchard, IGT Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance & Risk Management Officer, was recently elected President of the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM) for a two-year term effective immediately. Orchard previously held various leadership roles within AGEM and other key gaming advocacy groups, most recently as AGEM Vice President.



Luke Orchard

"Luke is an outstanding gaming and lottery leader who continues to leverage his extensive industry knowledge and influence to further AGEM's mission of promoting the interests of gaming equipment suppliers throughout the world," said Marcus Prater, AGEM Executive Director. "Luke has been an integral member of the AGEM leadership team for many years and we are excited the Board of Directors asked him to expand the scope of his influence as he takes on the role of AGEM President."

AGS Vice President of Human Resources Kim Nasuta Named Among Vegas Inc.'s '2019 Women To Watch'

AGS recently announced that its Vice President of Human Resources Kim Nasuta was named among *Vegas Inc.*'s 2019 Women to Watch, which celebrates Southern Nevada's most influential female professionals.

Only 13 women were selected for the prestigious 2019 'Women to Watch' list out of more than 100 nominees, and Nasuta is the only winner representing the gaming equipment supplier industry. Honorees were chosen by an independent panel of judges based on their work ethic, accomplishments, and dedication to giving back to their community.

AGS President and Chief Executive Officer David Lopez said, "Since Kim joined AGS in early 2017, she has made so many contributions to our business, including spearheading

our veteran initiatives; propelling our recruiting to hire more than 300 high-quality team members globally in two years, including staffing new game-development studios; and leading our focus on corporate culture through best-in-class benefits, community outreach, and employee engagement. We are so proud of Kim and are truly thrilled to celebrate this award with her."



Kim Nasuta

CNIGA Elects New Executive Board Members

The California Nations Indian Gaming Association elected James Siva and Daniel Salgado to the positions of Vice-Chairperson and Secretary on the organization's Executive Board. Dale Miller was also re-elected to the Northern Representative position.

"It is an honor to serve CNIGA, the premier tribal government gaming organization in California. My goal is to keep it moving forward and I think it's important to provide a younger perspective among our leadership," said Siva, who like Salgado is in his thirties. "Protecting our sovereign right to conduct gaming on our own lands requires a watchful eye and there will always be issues that need to be addressed. I believe it's time for a new generation to step up."

"Whenever I am called upon to lead, I take that commitment seriously. I proudly serve my tribe, the Cahuilla Band of Indian as Chairman and am humbled to have been elected to serve the member tribes of CNIGA as a member of the Executive Committee," said Salgado. "I am honored to serve the CNIGA membership as Secretary and I am looking forward to helping guide the organization."

"I have enjoyed serving both my tribe and my region as the Northern Representative. I am honored that I was chosen to serve again," said Miller. "There is strength in numbers and CNIGA, as the largest regional gaming association in the nation, provides that strength for Indian Country."

All three serve on the councils of their respective tribes. Siva is the Vice-Chairperson for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians; Salgado serves as Chairman of the Cahuilla Band of Indians in southern California; and Miller is the Chairman of the Elk Valley Rancheria on the far northern California coast. Siva previously served on the CNIGA Executive Board as the Central District At-large Member, as the Executive Board holds, in addition to four officers, representatives from tribes in each of the federal court districts in California.

Continuing their terms on the Executive Board are CNIGA Chairman Steve Stallings, Treasurer Dennis Hendricks and At-large representative Leon Benner (Eastern Representative). ♣