

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Swears in Newly Elected Tribal Council Members



Jamie Stuck

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) recently issued the oath of office to re-elected Tribal Council Members Jamie Stuck and Homer A. Mandoka, during the regularly scheduled August Tribal Council Business Meeting.

Upon completion of the oaths of office, the NHBP Tribal Council voted to keep the officer appointments the same as before

the 2020 election. Jamie Stuck will serve as Chairperson, Dorie Rios as Vice Chairperson, Nancy Smit as Secretary, Dr. Jeff Chivis, Ph.D., as Treasurer, and Homer A. Mandoka as Sergeant-at-Arms.

“The NHBP Tribal Council looks forward to carrying out the vision, mission and strategic priorities of the NHBP Nation,” Stuck said. “As we provide for the next seven generations, we will work diligently toward the preservation of our culture and history. We are grateful to our tribe’s past leaders whose persistence and wisdom allows to continue to protect our sovereignty and provide for our community.”

Stuck, of Scotts, has served on Tribal Council since 2006. Rios, of Battle Creek, has served on Tribal Council since 2010. Smit, of Battle Creek, has served on Tribal Council since 2018. Chivis, of Middleville, has served on Tribal Council since 2017. Mandoka, of Bronson, has served on Tribal Council since 2002.



Homer A. Mandoka

San Manuel Appoints Laurens Vosloo as CEO



Laurens Vosloo

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians recently announced the appointment of Laurens Vosloo as Chief Executive Officer. Since joining San Manuel in 2014 as Chief Financial Officer for San Manuel Casino, he has helped realize both stability and economic growth for the tribe. In his new role, he will be responsible for all day-to-day leadership and operations of San Manuel Tribal Government Operations, San Manuel Casino, and other entities.

“Laurens has made a significant impact over the past six

years and has become a trusted advisor,” said Ken Ramirez, Chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. “We believe he is the right person to help our tribe chart its path into the future.”

In June 2018, Vosloo was named enterprise-wide CFO for San Manuel Tribal Government Operations and San Manuel Casino. From 2014 to 2018, he served as CFO for San Manuel Casino.

Prior to joining San Manuel Casino, Vosloo was Executive Director of Finance for the Las Vegas Sands Corporation. He started his career at Deloitte in Las Vegas, NV in auditing roles.

Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise Hires Two New Executives

Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise (DNGE), owned and operated by the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe, recently announced the addition of two new executives to provide executive management oversight for Dakota Magic Casino & Hotel, Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel and Dakota Connection Casino.

Kurt Schmidt has been appointed as CEO for all three properties. Schmidt has over 15 years experience serving several different Native American tribal gaming organizations as either their GM/CEO or CFO. He is a CPA with an MBA from the University of Wisconsin. His solid business and finance background, along with his knowledge of tribal gaming, will bring strong leadership skills to DNGE.

In addition, DNGE has also appointed Chris Kolle as their new Chief Human Resources Officer. Previously, Kolle worked in Iowa at Diamond Jo Casino as a part of the Boyd Gaming team. Kolle holds an MBA in Human Resources Management and is excited to bring his talents to DNGE.



Kurt Schmidt



Chris Kolle

Scott Szybalski Named Director of Finance at Gun Lake Casino

Gun Lake Casino recently announced the appointment of its new Director of Finance, Scott Szybalski.

“After a thorough and in depth application process, we are thrilled that Scott Szybalski has agreed to join us at Gun Lake Casino. Scott’s wealth of knowledge, in both finance and within the gaming industry, will be an incredible asset to our leadership team,” said Sal Semola, President and Chief Operating Officer for Gun Lake Casino. “I speak for all of



Scott Szybalski

our senior management when I say we are eager to welcome Scott and look forward to working with him during this exciting time in our company's growth."

Szybalski joins Gun Lake Casino with 13 years of experience in the gaming industry, as well as a history of leadership roles in finance. He began his gaming career as a corporate controller at Hyatt Gaming Management in Chicago in 2007. From this position, Scott served in upper management roles within the field of finance at three additional casinos, including his most recent role, as Senior Vice President of Finance at Del Lago Resort and Casino. Additionally, Szybalski taught accounting and finance courses as an adjunct professor at DeVry University.

In his role as Director of Finance, Szybalski will contribute to financial strategies, provide leadership to the entire finance team, and take overall control of accounting functions at Gun Lake Casino. As a part of the executive team, Szybalski will be an integral part of decision making for positive company growth.

Ryan Drushel Named Director of Food and Beverage at Agua Caliente Cathedral City

Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City recently announced the appointment of Ryan Drushel as Director of Food and Beverage. Drushel brings over 20 years' experience to his new role at Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City, and in his role will oversee all food and beverage operations, recipe and menu creation, mixology conception, and food and beverage hiring for Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City when it opens this Fall.



Ryan Drushel

Drushel started his career in the early 2000's as an assistant executive steward at the Grand Hyatt in New York, NY. From there, he managed food and beverage operations for Waldorf Astoria Resorts, and The Pierre A Taj Hotel. Drushel comes to Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City most recently from Loews Coronado Bay Resort where he was a part of their team for the last four years.

"We are thrilled to have the caliber of talent and experience that Ryan Drushel brings to our company," said Michael J. Facenda, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City. "We are

focused on providing our guests with unique and elevated dining experiences, and with Ryan's immense experience in the industry, we are confident that our guests will feel that passion in each of our food and beverage outlets," Facenda concluded.

Drushel is the Board Treasurer for the San Diego Penn State Alumni Association Chapter, and is passionate about mentoring students in hospitality schools and the Penn State Hotel Restaurant Society.

Gaming Laboratories International Names Two New Directors of Client Services



Justine Clay

Justine Clay has been with GLI since 2012. In her new role, she will lead her team in a strategy that is keenly focused on suppliers across North America, helping them navigate the future of gaming by taking full advantage of the broad range of services GLI offers to suppliers of all sizes. She brings a unique view and wealth of casino operations experience and customer service to her clients, having worked in casinos in

both tribal and commercial operations.

Blaine Preston has been with GLI since 2018, and he replaces long-time GLI employee Michael Capen, who recently retired. Preston will lead his team as they work closely with state governments, lottery officials, and tribal councils, operators, and regulators. He will help them embrace new technologies and possibilities while also maintaining the highest levels of integrity, compliance, and responsible gaming. Prior to GLI, Preston spent 12 years as Enforcement Manager for the Missouri Gaming Commission and four years as Director of Security for the Missouri Lottery.



Blaine Preston

"This is both a time of challenges and opportunities for the adapting yet evolving gaming industry. Regulators, operators, and suppliers are all searching for the best way forward, and GLI stands ready as their compliance partner," said GLI President/CEO James R. Maida. "These stakeholders rely on us for resources, technical expertise, and a global perspective in helping them solve problems. We are confident in Justine and Blaine, and their leadership skills will provide the optimum customer service and proven capabilities they need to achieve great results. Justine and Blaine will further strengthen our global team who work every day to help our customers successfully navigate the future of gaming."

Visionary Chef Julián González Cruz Named Executive Chef at Agua Caliente Cathedral City



Julian Gonzalez Cruz

Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City has appointed Julián González Cruz Executive Chef for all of its food and beverage enterprises. González brings his decades of experience in innovative culinary vision to his new role at Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City, and in his role will oversee the casino property's gastronomic endeavors including recipe and menu creation, and food preparation and presentation, when it opens

later this year.

Chef González comes to Agua Caliente Cathedral City from the sister property Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa Rancho Mirage where he was Chef de Cuisine at the exclusive Forbes' Four-Star and Wine Spectator Award winner, The Steakhouse.

González has spent several years as a private chef to celebrities and dignitaries customizing their meal plans and nutritional needs as well as preparing the meals for their private upscale events. González' vast experience also includes many years as Executive Chef with beloved local restaurant Wilma and Frieda's, and famous clubs such as Thunderbird Country Club, and the Villa Portofino Club House, where he not only developed a "made from scratch" menu, but implemented a robust wine program.

"With Chef Julian's knowledge in modern cooking techniques such as sous vide and molecular cuisine, and his readiness to please his guests, we are excited for what innovative dining experiences Chef will create for Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City. We know that by bringing Chef Julian on board, he will put us at the forefront of a growing Greater Palm Springs culinary scene," said Michael J. Facenda, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Elect New Tribal Council Members

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi recently announced the election of its new Tribal Council Members. Brandon Rapp has been elected as a Member-at-Large and John Morseau has been elected as the Treasurer.

Existing Tribal Council members Steve Winchester and Alex Wesaw were both re-elected to new terms as Members-at-Large. Member-at-Large, Andy Jackson, and Treasurer, James R. Olds, both completed three-year terms. The Pokagon Tribal Council governs the sovereign government of the Pokagon Band and contains 11 members who are

elected to staggered, three-year terms by Pokagon Citizens.

"I would like to recognize the work of Council Members Andy Jackson and James Olds. During their time on Council they were able to provide many positive efforts to improve the quality of life of our citizens and I would like to thank them for their work. I wish them the best in their next chapters," said Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. "I would also like to welcome new incoming members John Morseau, Treasurer, and Brandon Rapp, Member-at-Large. I am sure they fully recognize they are coming in at a very trying and interesting time. I look forward to their positive efforts to move us forward."



John Morseau



Brandon Rapp

The Pokagon Band gave Brandon Rapp an opportunity to gain valuable job training through its WIA program in 2003. He learned a lot about tribal government operations and IT during this time and eventually gained employment as a full-time IT Support Technician with the Pokagon Band, and later with Four Winds Casinos. Brandon was a K-12 Tutor in the Pokagon Band Education Department, a Computer Class Instructor with the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills, and Camp Counselor for the Pokagon Band's Culture Camp. He also has several years of experience serving the tribe including Salary Commission Chairperson, Enrollment Committee Chairperson, and Chi Ishobak Board of Directors Vice Chairperson.

"A tribal leader should be focused on building a better community, not a better resume," said Brandon Rapp. "My advice to those aspiring to become future Tribal Council members – our time on Tribal Council is very short, so make the most of that time to leave behind a great legacy for future generations. *Migwëth* (thank you)."

John Morseau enjoyed serving individual Pokagon Citizens as an attorney during his previous employment. He has a strong connection to the Pokagon Band community and has participated in Pokagon community events and the Pokagon Band's Youth Council. Morseau has also been involved in the Pokagon Band's powwows and has served as a counselor for the Band's Culture Camp. He has worked for the Band in many capacities, including various Pokagon government departments.

"I am excited for the challenges and opportunities presented by serving the Pokagon Band as the Tribal Council Treasurer," said John Morseau. "The Pokagon

community assisted with my education and I am happy to use my training to serve the Pokagon Band for the next three years.”

Nenad Stefanovic Becomes Executive Chef of Gun Lake Casino



Nenad Stefanovic

Award-winning culinary artist, Nenad Stefanovic, was recently appointed as the new Executive Chef of Gun Lake Casino.

Stefanovic joins Gun Lake Casino with 25 years of knowledge in the world of international cuisine and unforgettable dining experiences. He brings culinary experience from restaurants across the U.S. and internationally.

Stefanovic began his career at the Bluezoo Lounge, located at Walt Disney World Swan in Orlando, FL. From there, Stefanovic accepted a position at InterContinental Mark Hopkins hotel, located in San Francisco. After contributing four years of service for Intercontinental, Stefanovic joined a team at Southern California’s award-winning Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, presiding as Executive Chef over the property’s eleven restaurants and bars.

“During this exciting time of transformation for Gun Lake Casino, I am confident there is no better chef to lead our culinary team than Nenad Stefanovic,” said Jose Flores, Vice President and General Manager of Gun Lake Casino. “As we prepare for our newest expansion, which includes three additional dining selections, Stefanovic’s passion and expertise will transform our offerings and provide guests with one of the best dining experiences in West Michigan.”

As Executive Chef, Stefanovic assumes responsibility for operations and oversight of the culinary direction at Gun Lake Casino. He will hold an intrinsic role in the development and creation of menus at all existing restaurants and lead the reveal of Gun Lake Casino’s dining expansion, scheduled to open in 2021.

Christina Jimerson Honored by Seneca Gaming Corporation

Christina “Chrissy” Jimerson, Seneca Gaming Corporation’s Executive Director of Compensation and Total Rewards has been honored as a Buffalo Business First 2020 Women of Influence “Behind The Scenes” Award Recipient.

“I am humbled and honored to be selected and recognized by the distinguished group of women leaders who comprise the award’s selection committee,” said Christina Jimerson.

Jimerson began her career with Seneca Gaming Corporation (SGC) in 2003 and worked her way through the department from Human Resources Coordinator all the way to Director of Benefits. Jimerson was also elected to the Seneca

Nation Council in 2012. In 2016, Christina finished out her 4-year term as a Councilor and was asked by then Seneca Nation President Todd Gates to serve as his special advisor. She rejoined the Human Resources team as the Executive Director of Compensation and Total Rewards in 2018. In her role, Christina oversees Compensation, Benefits, and Human Resources Information Systems. She is engaged in all areas of HR and influences decisions across the Human Resources enterprise.

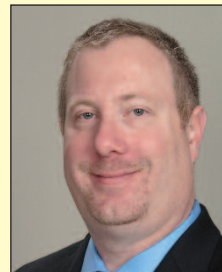


Christina Jimerson

Additionally, Jimerson also served as the alternate delegate for the Seneca Nation at the National Congress of American Indians. Her commitment to community affairs continues with her position as Second Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA), and serving on the Brooks-TLC Hospital Board of Directors where she is a member of the Finance Committee.

“We are thrilled that Christina has been recognized. Seneca Gaming Corporation is honored to have her as part of the team that she serves every day,” said David Sheridan, Interim CEO & CFO, Seneca Gaming Corporation. “We have known all along that she is a Woman of Influence and determination.”

Chris Barbieri Joins AMERIND as Director of Product Development



Chris Barbieri

Chris Barbieri recently joined AMERIND as the company’s Director of Product Development. Barbieri’s responsibilities will include product development, technology-based delivery of products and corporate compliance.

“AMERIND is excited about the breadth of experience Chris Barbieri brings to our team,” said Robert Dahl, program manager. “Chris has an extensive background in general liability and property insurance as well as product management and business transformation. It is equally as important that all AMERIND employees deliver on our commitment to ‘Tribes Protecting Tribes’, and Chris clearly shares our dedication to achieving AMERIND’s vision and mission.”

Barbieri’s professional experience includes 15 years in the insurance industry, most recently in the business delivery unit at Nationwide E&S in Scottsdale, AZ. In this position, he specialized in process modeling, analysis and business transformation. ♣