



Associate Member & Vendor Policy

I. Policy

It is the policy of the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners & Regulators (NTGCR) to maintain the highest level of professional integrity with respect to balancing the inclusion of Associate Members in the NTGCR. Moreover, the NTGCR Board is very aware that Associate Members, vendors, and other persons and entities who seek to support and continue to have an ongoing relationship with the NTGCR are integral and fundamental to the mission and purpose of the NTGCR.

II. Purpose

The Associate Member & Vendor Policy is intended to provide the NTGCR Board with a uniform framework with which to best handle Associate Member and vendor interactions with the NTGCR.

III. Scope

This policy applies to:

- A. Associate Membership decisions of the NTGCR Board;
- B. Associate Member and vendor sponsorships of NTGCR events;
- C. NTGCR promotion of Associate Member or vendor events and programs; and
- D. Endorsement by the NTGCR of Associate Member or vendor events and programs.

IV. Standards

A. Article II § 1 of the NTGCR Bylaws provide the purpose of the NTGCR is to:

- a. Promote cooperative relationships among the commissioners/regulators of tribal gaming enterprises and other organizations;
- b. Promote the exchange of thoughts, information and ideas which foster regulatory standards and enforcement that lead to consistent regulatory practices and methods of operations among the NTGCR members;
- c. Promote educational seminars, which include commissioner/regulator training, and other related activities;

- d. Serve as a gaming regulatory advisory group to tribal gaming organizations and others; and
 - e. Promote educational opportunities through various scholarship programs and associated fundraising for such educational activities of the Association to the extent funding is available.
- B. Article III § 1(B) of the NTGCR Bylaws provides that Associate Members may include any individual or business entity approved by the NTGCR Board of Directors and have paid applicable membership fees. Associate Members shall be non-voting members of the Association; however, they may serve on committees, sub-committees, and task forces, as authorized by the Board of Directors.
- C. Article XI § 5 of the NTGCR Bylaws provides that unless otherwise prohibited, the NTGCR may, from time to time, promote third-party events and activities associated with tribal gaming, tribal gaming regulation, and associated activities, through advertising, distribution of information and event details, web posting, social media, or by other means, whenever a majority of the Board of Directors agree to such promotion including any limitations and disclaimers the Board of Directors sees fit to include in such approved promotions. An event promotion approved by the Board of Directors shall not in and of itself be considered or construed as an official endorsement of the NTGCR, the Board of Directors, or NTGCR membership.
- D. Article XI § 6 of the NTGCR Bylaws provides that unless otherwise prohibited, the NTGCR may, from time to time, officially endorse third-party events and activities directly or indirectly associated with tribal gaming, tribal gaming regulation, and associated activities, through advertising, distribution of information and event details, web posting, social media, or other means. Whenever a majority of the Board of Directors agree to such official endorsement, the Board of Directors must find the endorsed activity is consistent with the purposes of the NTGCR and in the Association's best interest, including any limitations and disclaimers the Board of Directors sees fit to include in such approved endorsements.

V. Responsibilities

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to address all Associate Member and vendor matters relative to the NTGCR consistent with the NTGCR Bylaws on a case-by-case basis and in the best interest of the NTGCR.
- B. All members of the Board of Directors are responsible for their individual compliance with all NTGCR policies and must fully disclose any and all actual and apparent conflicts of interest, relative to Associate Members and vendor decisions of the Board of Directors, as required by NTGCR policy; and further members of the Board of Directors

shall abstain from any Associate Member or vendor decision making by the Board of Directors as necessary.

VI. Document Approval

Name	Title	Signature	Date
Jamie Hummingbird	Chairperson		

VII. Revision History

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