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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Jeff Rodefer, Chairman 
Date: January 19, 2010
Subject: Minutes of January 19, 2010

MINUTES

Attendance. After being duly noticed, the following members of the Executive Committee (Committee), constituting a quorum pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Amended Bylaws (as approved May 9, 2001, and amended October 18, 2006), participated in a meeting held at the offices of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 400 North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 at 9:00 a.m. on January 19, 2010: Jeffrey R. Rodefer, Chairman; P. Gregory Giordano, Vice Chairman; Michael J. Bonner; *Mark A. Clayton; *Lou Dorn; and Dennis Gallagher.

*Via Telephone.

ITEMS DISCUSSED.

1. Approved the Minutes of October 1, 2009. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Committee approved the minutes of October 1, 2009.
2. Pro Bono Representation of Work Card Applicants. Scott Scherer is leading the review of this proposal and was unable to attend the meeting. As such, no discussion of this item took place.
3. 10th Annual Law Scholarship Golf Tournament. The Committee was advised that the following sponsorships that were in place for the May 7th golf tournament:

- Las Vegas National Golf Club had agreed to donate the course again.
- LexisNexis sponsoring the Hole-in-One contest for \$1,500. The prize would be a 2010 Corvette provided by Findlay Chevrolet.
- Konami Gaming will be sponsoring both beverage carts for a total of \$2,600.

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- Harrah's Entertainment agreed to provide sleeves of golf balls for the gift bags.
- Pinnacle Entertainment agreed to provide tournament hats for the gift bags.
- The Orleans' advertising department would provide the signage again for the tournament.

However, the Committee was informed that Bank of Nevada recently decided against being a sponsor this year. As of right now, there was no sponsor for the golf shirts. Additionally, the Committee was told that the golfer registration forms and sponsor forms would have to be submitted to the State Bar of Nevada by January 22nd for publication in the March issue of the *Nevada Lawyer*. As such, finding a sponsor for the shirts is critical if its logo is to be included on this year's forms. Both Greg Giordano and Scott Scherer were contacting clients regarding potential shirt sponsorship opportunities.

Dennis Gallagher agreed to try and solicit sponsorships from the various Harrah's gaming properties. Mark Clayton agreed to do the same for the MGM Mirage properties. Lou Dorn agreed to handle coordination of the 19th Hole Awards Ceremony that will follow the tournament.

4. *Nevada Gaming Lawyer (2010)*. The Committee discussed featuring University of Nevada, Reno's Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming. Jeff Rodefer agreed to contact the Institute's Director, Professor Bill Eadington about the idea. The Committee felt that since Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., President and CEO of the American Gaming Association wrote the Foreword last year addressing a national perspective on the gaming industry, that Bill Bible, President of the Nevada Resort Association would provide a nice balance by addressing a state view in this year's Foreword. The Committee was informed that LexisNexis would provide a full-page ad for \$1,000. The following articles were suggested:

- Professor Eadington article (Jeff Rodefer to coordinate)
- Gaming Collections (Dennis Gallagher to coordinate)
- Bankruptcies in the Gaming Industry (Jeff Rodefer to contact A.G. Burnett, Deputy Chief, Corporate Securities for the State Gaming Control Board)
- What's Up at the GCB? (Jeff Rodefer to contact Marc Warren, Senior Research Analyst for the Nevada Gaming Commission)
- Regulation 14 Revisions (Jeff Rodefer to contact Mark Lipparelli, Member, State Gaming Control Board)
- UNLV Boyd School of Law student article (Greg Giordano to contact Bob Faiss)
- Former NGC & GCB Members: Where Are They Now? (Mike Bonner to coordinate)
- Gaming IP article (Jeff Rodefer to discuss with Lars Perry)

5. *2010 Gaming Law Conference*. The Committee was informed that LexisNexis had agreed to help sponsor the seminar by providing \$1,500. Jeff Rodefer advised that the State Bar would contract with an outside speaker, possibly Sean Carter or Larry Cohen to provide the 2-hour ethics presentation. He also indicated that the 1-hour "Regulator Panel" with Commission Chairman Peter Bernhard and Board Chairman Dennis Neilander would probably be back. Thus, the Committee needed to fill three hours of the conference. In turn, the following topics were suggested for

consideration. Given the evaluations from the 2009 conference, the Committee was sensitive to concerns raised and made a commitment to try and secure more females who were willing to participate as speakers this year.

- Keynote Luncheon Speaker – Jon Ralston (Jeff Rodefer to contact)
- Gaming Industry Bankruptcies – A.G. Burnett, Deputy Chief, Corporate Securities, State Gaming Control Board.
- Regulatory Enforcement Issues – Randell E. Sayre, Member, State Gaming Control Board
- Labor Law – Lou Dorn to review.
- Regulation 14/Internet Gaming – Greg Giordano to review with Tony Cabot and Board Member Mark Lipparelli.

6. Gaming Law & Procedure Manual. Greg Giordano discussed with the Committee his desire to create gaming law practice and procedure manual that would be a Gaming Law Section publication. Mark Clayton asked that each member of the Committee be provided a copy of the *Nevada Gaming Law Index* (1st ed., 1999) that was published as a joint effort of the State Bar of Nevada and the Nevada Attorney General's Office. Jeff Rodefer agreed to forward copies to the Committee and to contact the State Bar about its willingness to pay for the publication and related advertising costs. Greg agreed to head a sub-committee to explore the idea further. Mike Bonner, Lou Dorn, Dennis Gallagher and Jeff Rodefer agreed to serve on the sub-committee.

10. Other Items of Interest. Jeff Rodefer informed the Committee of the following items of interest:

- Lori Wolk of State Bar had contacted Jeff Rodefer about the Section's interest in presenting a gaming panel at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Monterey, California (June 24-26). Mark Clayton expressed interest in exploring the opportunity to put together a presentation.
- Jeff Rodefer informed the Committee that the Section's account balance on December 31, 2009 was \$7,271.29. This amount carried forward to the Section's 2010 account, which would also include approximately \$5,000 in membership fees for 2010.
- The Committee was advised that the next meeting would take place in May following the golf tournament. Among the items to be discussed would be the appointment or reappointment of members to the Committee. Both Greg Giordano and Sean McGuinness' terms would expire the end of May 2010.

With no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

JRR