



## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Thursday, April 26, 2018**

**10:30-12 noon PT/11:30am-1:00pm MT/12:30-2:00pm CT/1:30-3:00pm ET**

**Minutes: approved July 19, 2018**

### **Preliminary Items**

Members were **welcomed** by president, Terri Sue Canale-Dalman. The following attended:

Eric Preuss, Lacreasha Graham, Jennifer Berg, Ken Saucier, Rob Henson, Mary Drexler, Greta Coe, Carol Spiker, Mark VanderLinden, Jeremy Wampler, Alia Lucas, Elise Mikkelsen, Kathy Scanlan.

**Minutes** of Members' Meeting 1/30/18 were available to members. A vote to accept the minutes will be held at a future meeting.

**Fiscal** reports: APGSA account balances and a revised budget year-to-date were presented by treasurer, Eric Preuss.

Terri Sue Canale-Dalman encouraged members to attend APGSA's **Annual Meeting**. It will be held on July 19, 2018 in Cleveland, Ohio in conjunction with the National Conference on Problem Gambling. It will be a grand opportunity for connecting, learning, and getting support for the work you do! National Conference registration is available on the website [ncpgambling.org](http://ncpgambling.org).

Terri Sue talked about upcoming **Board Elections** and encouraged members to consider nominating themselves or another member to the APGSA board. The four APGSA board members' whose terms are expiring are all planning to run again for another term. Nicole Corbin has sent members information seeking nominations.

### **Members' Exchange**

1. *2016 Survey of Problem Gambling Services in the United States* - seeking feedback from APGSA members about the survey  
Jennifer Berg reviewed the Survey's history and described the Board's work discussing areas for future improvements. Jennifer then led a discussion about the *2016 Survey of Problem Gambling Services in the US* using the following questions:

Is it useful to you? Is it not? If yes, how so? If no, what could make it so?

What about the information you are asked to provide? How possible is it for you to provide the information? How confident are you about its accuracy?

Anything else that might improve the survey's value to you?

Several members responded with feedback. There was consensus that the survey is useful to members mainly for comparison with other states, and for information for media and for legislators. Some areas where it could be more useful were identified: could there be alternatives that would make it more useful and more cost effective? less cumbersome and overwhelming? a dashboard type format, info graphics, interactive way to search issues, to more easily compare state pages? More easily distributed? Fact sheets with data for legislative, media uses? Also identified as concerns were the use of prevalence rates that did not match data used by some states, the difficulty of making comparisons with the wide differences within states, and the need to define more clearly what is being asked in order to answer more accurately.

Members who had technological capacity to do so responded to an online quiz. Results:

- 100% have read the Executive Summary ( 88% read either part or all of the complete report; 75% read their own or some other state pages)
- How closely did your answers match reality? 62.5% somewhat closely; 25% very closely; 12.5% exactly)
- APGSA contributes \$30,000 to produce the survey. 36.5% said it was an excellent use of APGSA funds; 36.5% think their state receives some value from it; 25% are not sure it's a good idea.
- 100% know how to find a copy of the Survey (It's on the APGSA website home page!)
- 36.5% felt it was both easy to answer and worth it to do; 25% found it moderately easy; 12.5 said it was moderately difficult to do;12.5% found it difficult to do
- 100% have used it or plan to

Terri Sue explained that the Board will use this feedback from members to continue to determine how APGSA will plan for future surveys. APGSA board will meet with NCPG board in July in conjunction with the annual meeting and conference and will hear suggestions from Problem Gambling Solutions (Jeff Marotta and Julie Hynes), contractors for the 2016 survey.

## 2. Planning for APGSA growth in 2019 through focus on funding, collaborations, member services Eric Preuss

Eric described the Board's discussions about the need for APGSA to look toward future growth by seeking additional financial resources, strategic partnerships, and member services. The Board is exploring ways to cover some of the routine administrative and operations tasks that are now managed by our ½ time executive director. The Board will look at outsourcing some of those tasks and freeing up the ex. director to address future growth.

3. Expanding membership – members' feedback

Jeremy Wampler

In response to an inquiry of expanding membership beyond service administrators, a committee was formed to evaluate interest from the membership as well as possible regulatory entities that may be a good fit. A good fit would essentially be an organization with similar interests and vision around problem gambling, but from a regulatory perspective (i.e. state and/or tribal gaming commission, lottery commission, racing commission, etc.)

The committee is currently in the data collection phase. A Survey Monkey survey was sent to the membership and the committee is encouraging membership to respond. The goal is to have some possible recommendations to be discussed at the annual meeting.

4. Treatment Guidelines: Massachusetts tools

Victor Ortiz

Due to a scheduling conflict, Victor was not available to discuss this topic.

Legislative proposals in states:

A question asked by Eric Preuss concerning current proposed legislation in members' states led to a discussion about sports and fantasy sports betting proposals in several states. Also, discussion followed on proposed funding legislation for increases as well as for decreases. A wide variety of problem gambling services funding sources, mechanisms, and services was identified. Members agreed it would be helpful to have an APGSA policy paper that makes recommendations regarding state funding.

**ADJOURN** the meeting was adjourned at 3PM (EDT) after a motion made by Jennifer Berg, and seconded by Jeremy Wampler.

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