

ACM Reinventing Charitable Gambling - 2008

An important provision of the 2008 Charitable Gambling Bill was for the Gambling Control Board (GCB) to study and report back to the legislature on “operational and regulatory procedures, account functions, tax structure, and recent trends in lawful purpose contributions and allowable expenses incurred by licensed charitable gambling organizations relating to lawful gambling activities”.

In order to ensure that licensed organizations are heard during this study the charitable gambling industry needs to bring better focus to the issues surrounding charitable gambling and provide for fruitful discussion of those issues during the GCB’s Report process. To that end ACM has adopted the following process to address these critical issues.

ACM will develop a number of Board sub-committees to work in the next 90 days on the key elements of charitable gambling in Minnesota. Subcommittees will be no larger than 7 members (and may include up to 2 associate members). The chair and members of each sub-committee will be appointed by the ACM President with concurrence of the ACM Executive Committee.

The following set of sub-committees will be established to review the issues under their purview and make recommendations back to the full ACM board within 90 days for consideration for further recommendation to the GCB for action.

Taxes - Goal: To establish a tax structure that is fairer to all charitable gambling organizations and that puts us in line with for-profit entities.

Operations/Regulatory - Goal: Streamline the operations, regulatory and accounting process to reduce costs associated with charitable gambling.

Games/New Technologies - Goal: Update old games and consider new forms of gaming consistent with our present games that will help generate new revenues and bring old customers back to their local charitable gambling sites.

Sub-committees will be established and begin meeting as soon as possible. Meetings will likely occur in the Twin Cities area. Reports from the sub-committees will be presented to the ACM Board Of Directors at their September, 15, 2008 monthly meeting.

If you are interested in serving on one of the 3 sub-committees please contact King Wilson, Executive Director of ACM by Wednesday, July 9, 2009. Please submit via e-mail/fax/mail your name, organization/company, e-mail or phone contact info, and sub-committee you are interested in. Send to:

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