

ACM 2009 Legislative Platform

Legislative proposals for 2009 adopted at 2008 ACM Annual Meeting by membership:

Taxes

- A. Reform and reduce charitable gambling taxes.
- B. Tax reform should include a flat tax based on our net receipts (total income less prize payouts) and paid only after the games are put into play. No more paying taxes up front.
- C. The effective tax rate should be the same as the corporations in our state pay, 9.8%.

Games/New Technologies

- A. The legislature and GCB should authorize the use of electronic tabletop bingo devices in charitable gambling sites.
- B. Pull-tab Dispensers should be allowed to have some bells and whistles, and be allowed in new locations that are not licensed liquor sites.
- C. Allowing new bingo games that are popular in other states. We recommend board staff meet with our representatives to discuss a process that will allow for more flexibility in allowing new and different games.
- D. Handheld Devices should be allowed to be audible for the player as an option.
- E. Allow for “you pic em” type games.

Operations/Regulatory

- A. Regulatory reform should focus on lawful purpose expenditures (profitability), not expenses. *(This is where we will deal with the allowable expense, expense calculation, and annual audit issues.)*
- B. Remove commercialization language - extremely hard to compete in today’s environment with this prohibition.
- C. Charitable gambling organization need a rescue plan. Charitable gaming organizations need to remain in business to be able to enjoy the benefits of any new relief legislation. We suggest the adoption of an expense credit for all organizations in the next year or two.

To pass these important initiatives in the 2009 Legislative session we need YOU & YOUR organization’s members and employees to talk to YOUR Minnesota House and Senate members AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!