

# Message from the Executive Director



Missouri's 13 riverboat gaming casinos continue to operate profitably and the home dock cities and counties, where the riverboat gaming casinos are located, continue to utilize riverboat gaming funds for infrastructure, equipment and facilities. In the back of our FY 2018 report, you will see the individual properties highlighted with a report on how the home dock city or county uses these funds.

A very important task for the Missouri Gaming Commission is the continual monitoring of admissions and AGR taxes. In FY 2016, riverboat gambling casinos contributed nearly 324 million dollars to the State Proceeds for Education Fund. In FY 2017, the total jumped to 325 million dollars given to the fund. FY 2018 saw another increase as 329 million was collected for the State Proceeds for Education Fund.

Fiscal Year 2018 brought about the first full year of regulation of fantasy sports contests for the Missouri Gaming Commission. With five pending applications, the MGC embarked on licensing the first fantasy sports operators. Page 13 of this year's annual report shows the first full year of operations fees. We are continuing the licensing process of applicants and are pleased with our efforts in this new endeavor.

I have served as executive director since March of 2015. I extend my thanks to the five MGC Commissioners who volunteer their time assisting us in the regulation of Missouri's riverboat gaming casinos, charitable bingo and fantasy sports contests. Their biographies are found on pages 6 and 7 of this report.

An additional note of gratitude goes to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for their hard work and dedication. Troopers continue to ensure the integrity of gaming in Missouri by serving as gaming agents on each of the riverboat casinos. MSHP Investigators aid us in licensing the many employees and companies we regulate. We could not do our jobs without them.

Missouri Gaming Commission employees have raised \$20,000.00 for the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri with our Jeans Day Fundraiser since the program's inception in January of 2013. Staff has the option to pay a dollar per day, on Thursday and Friday of each week, to wear jeans. I congratulate the staff for continuing the effort and challenge other agencies to adopt this type of fundraising.

I'm proud of everyone at the Missouri Gaming Commission, especially in their commitment and dedication to serve in the best interests of the people and the State of Missouri. I hope you find the FY 2018 Annual Report to be a comprehensive resource for you.