

# Message from the Executive Director



The Missouri Gaming Commission began Fiscal Year 2016 with an “excellent” performance rating from the Missouri State Auditor. This annual audit of the MGC indicates the commission is well managed and the report contains no findings. We are proud of our efforts.

This year we have changed our mission statement to add the regulation of fantasy sports contests. Staff continues working on this newly regulated enterprise in Missouri. Writing rules, researching other jurisdictions, and all aspects of this industry have our attention. We look forward with anticipation to our first year of licensing and regulation.

There are many people I would like to thank in this year’s Annual Report. I gratefully acknowledge the five-member commission which governs the MGC. They volunteer their time and talents to serving the people of the State with thorough regulation and oversight. They make themselves available for monthly meetings, tours of riverboat gaming casinos, and eagerly take on new ventures such as fantasy sports contest regulation.

As a 30 year veteran (Lt. Colonel, Retired) of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, I would like to thank the MSHP Gaming Division for their partnership. The Missouri Gaming Commission operates under a memorandum of understanding with MSHP. MGC writes the rules and MSHP provides enforcement. We cannot function without them, and we are grateful for their knowledge and willingness to help regulate these important operations in Missouri.

Finally, I’d like to thank the MGC employees. Many have been with the MGC since inception or closely after and can offer historical information and a thorough knowledge of gaming. This makes us efficient and effective.

Nearly four years ago MGC employees started a “Jeans Days” fundraiser. Staff pays one dollar each day to wear jeans on Thursdays and Fridays. This effort has raised nearly \$13,000 for the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri. We donate our money specifically to the Buddy Pack program. The amount of money employees have given is a true expression of their love and big hearts. They’re a great group of people.

Each year the Missouri Gaming Commission produces an Annual Report for the Legislature. I hope you find this edition to be a comprehensive guide to gaming in Missouri. Thank you for taking time to read it.