

***The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. (CC&GTCC), d/b/a Casino Collectibles Association (CCA).***

**History Page** – Updated 13 April, 2021

Chip and token collectors have been around as long as casinos have, but it wasn't until the 1980's that collectors began talking with each other on a regular basis and dealers began to concentrate on casino material. Before the 1980's, chips and tokens could be found outside of casinos only as oddities: a few chips or tokens mixed in with a coin dealer's stock, or a few chips at an antiques shop or garage sale.

Two early chip dealers published short-lived newsletters, and a contributor to one of them was Archie Black, who lived not far from the relatively new casino gaming jurisdiction of Atlantic City, NJ. When the second of the two dealer newsletters ceased publication, Black, a chip collector with a long history of coin collecting and organizing coin clubs, decided to test the waters to see whether or not there might be sufficient interest to organize a chip and token collectors club similar to the coin clubs he had participated in.

Late in 1987, Archie wrote to a number of collectors who appeared on the newsletter's subscriber list, inquiring about interest in an organized club. The first issue of what would eventually become "Casino Collectibles News", the quarterly magazine of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, at over 100 pages per issue, appeared in January 1988, and was entitled "Atlantic City Chip & Token Newsletter."

The five page newsletter was the creation of Archie Black, who began publishing his newsletter quarterly including news and history of the relatively new (10 years old) Atlantic City casino industry. The response to the survey Black included in his first issue was overwhelmingly in favor of establishing a formal club, and the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club was a reality.

The initial group of collectors numbered about 20, but the charter membership was extended to the first 100 members. That goal was passed immediately after the Club's first annual meeting at the American Numismatic Association convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, that July.

In 2017, the Board of Directors established Casino Collectibles Association (CCA) as a d/b/a for the CC&GTCC, Inc.

**Annual Meetings**

- 1988 - Cincinnati, OH at the ANA Convention - Organizational Meeting (July 23)
- 1989 - Pittsburgh, PA at the ANA Convention (August 12)
- 1990 - Seattle, WA at the ANA Convention (August 25)
- 1991 - Chicago, IL at the ANA Convention (August 17)
- 1992 - Orlando, FL at the ANA Convention (August 15)
- 1993 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (May 1)
- 1994 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (April 30)
- 1995 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (April 29)
- 1996 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 22)
- 1997 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 21)
- 1998 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (August 13)
- 1999 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 17)

2000 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (July 20)  
2001 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (May 31)  
2002 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 6)  
2003 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 26)  
2004 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 18)  
2005 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (August 5)  
2006 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 30)  
2007 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (August 11)  
2008 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 21)  
2009 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 26)  
2010 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 23)  
2011 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 26)  
2012 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 21)  
2013 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 22)  
2014 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 21)  
2015 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 25)  
2016 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 23)  
2017 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 22)  
2018 - Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 23)  
2019 – Las Vegas NV at the CC&GTCC Convention (June 22)  
2020 – Canceled due to COVID pandemic

### **Presidents**

Archie Black 1988 – 1989, Elected 1988  
Archie Black 1989 – 1990, Elected 1989  
Archie Black 1990 – 1991, Elected 1990  
Archie Black 1991 – 1992, Elected 1991  
Archie Black 1992 – 1993, Elected 1992  
Archie Black 1993 – 1995, Elected 1993  
Archie Black 1995 – 1997, Elected 1995  
Archie Black 1997 – 1999, Elected 1997  
David Sarles 1999 – 2001, Elected 1999  
Nate Pincus 2001 – 2003, Elected 2001  
Mike Skelton 2003 – 2005, Elected 2003  
Mike Skelton 2006 – 2007, Elected 2005  
Wayne Thompson 2007 – 2009, Elected 2007  
Jim Steffner 2009 – 2011, Elected 2009  
Doug Smith 2011 – 2013, Elected 2011  
Doug Smith 2013 – 2015, Elected 2013  
Doug Smith 2015 – 2017, Elected 2015  
Jerry Vergatos 2017 – 2019, Elected 2017  
Jerry Vergatos 2019 – Present, Elected 2019

### **Vice Presidents**

Janice O'Neal 1991 – 1992, Elected 1991  
Janice O'Neal 1992 – 1993, Elected 1992  
Janice O'Neal 1993 – 1995, Elected 1993  
Janice O'Neal 1995 – 1997, Elected 1995  
Janice O'Neal 1997 – 1999, Elected 1997  
Janice O'Neal 1999 – 1999, Elected 1999 (resigned 1999)  
Ken Hallenbeck 1999 – 2001, Appointed 1999

Neal Silverman 2001 – 2002, Elected 2001 (resigned 2002)  
John Zoesch 2002 – 2003, Appointed 2002  
Wayne Thompson 2003 – 2005, Elected 2003  
Wayne Thompson 2005 – 2007, Elected 2005  
Jay Sands 2007 – 2009, Elected 2007  
Jay Sands 2009 – 2011, Elected 2009  
Sheldon Smith 2011 – 2011, Elected 2011  
Sheldon Smith 2012 – 2014, Elected 2012  
Jay Sands 2014 – 2016, Elected 2013  
Jay Sands 2016 – Present, Elected 2016  
Jim Follis 2018 – 2020, Elected 2018  
Jim Follis – 2020 – Present, Elected 2020

### **Treasurer**

Bruce Landau 1988-1989, Elected 1988  
Bruce Landau 1989-1990, Elected 1989  
Bruce Landau 1990-1991, Elected 1990  
Bruce Landau 1991-1992, Elected 1991  
Bruce Landau 1992-1993, Elected 1992  
Chuck Tomarchio 1993-1995, Elected 1993  
Chuck Tomarchio 1995-1997, Elected 1995  
Chuck Tomarchio 1997-1999, Elected 1997  
Nate Pincus 1999-2001, Elected 1999  
Dave Shron 2001-2002, Elected 2001 – Resigned 2002  
Mike Quinlivan 2002 -2003, Appointed 2002  
Mike Quinlivan 2003-2005, Elected 2003  
Mike Quinlivan 2005-2007, Elected 2005  
Doug Smith 2007-2009, Elected 2007  
Doug Smith 2009-2011, Elected 2009  
Doug Smith 2011 – 2011, Elected 2010 (Resigned 2011 to become President)  
John Zoesch 2011 – 2011, Appointed 2011  
John Zoesch 2012 – 2014, Elected 2012  
John Zoesch 2014 – 2016 Elected 2014  
John Zoesch 2016 – 2018, Elected 2016  
Steve Asrilant 2018 – 2019, Elected 2018, Resigned 2019  
Bud Wisinski 2019 – 2020, Appointed 2020  
Bud Wisinski 2020 – Present, Elected 2020

### **Secretary/Corresponding Secretary**

Michael Knapp 1988-1989, Elected 1988  
Michael Knapp 1989-1990, Elected 1989  
Michael Knapp 1990-1991, Elected 1990  
Michael Knapp 1991-1992, Elected 1991  
Michael Knapp 1992-1993, Elected 1992  
Michael Knapp 1993-1995, Elected 1993  
Michael Knapp 1995-1997, Elected 1995  
Michael Knapp 1997-1999, Elected 1997  
Barry Weintraub 1999-2001, Elected 1999  
Marty Kaplan 2001-2002, Elected 2001 – Resigned 2002  
Tyrus Mulkey 2002 -2003, Appointed 2002  
Belinda Hixon 2003-2005, Elected 2003

Belinda Hixon 2005-2007, Elected 2005  
Belinda Hixon 2007-2009, Elected 2007  
Dawn Satter 2009-2011, Elected 2009  
David Spragg 2011 – 2013, Elected 2011  
David Spragg 2013 – 2015, Elected 2013  
David Spragg 2015 – 2017, Elected 2015  
David Spragg 2017 – 2019, Elected 2017  
David Spragg 2019 – Present, Elected 2019

### **Recording Secretary/Membership Officer**

Earl Donley 1992-1993, Elected 1992  
Earl Donley 1993-1994, Elected 1993  
James Harpp 1994-1995, Appointed 1994  
James Harpp 1995-1996, Elected 1995  
Jim Steffner 1996-1997, Appointed 1996  
Jim Steffner 1997-1999, Elected 1997  
Jim Steffner 1999-2001, Elected 1999  
Ralph Myers 2001-2003, Elected 2001  
Ralph Myers 2003-2005, Elected 2003  
Ralph Myers 2005-2007, Elected 2005  
Sunday Silverman 2007-2008, Elected 2007 - Resigned 2008  
Steve Bedo 2008-2010, Elected 2008  
Steve Bedo 2010-2012, Elected 2010  
Steve Bedo 2012 – 2014, Elected 2012  
Richard Huber 2014 – 2016, Elected 2014  
Richard Huber 2016 – Present, Elected 2016  
Roy Nelson 2018 – 2020, Elected 2018  
Roy Nelson 2020 – Present, Elected 2020

### **Legal Counsel/Team**

Eric Rosenblum 1990-Present Emeritus  
Christine Smith – 2020 - Present  
Michael Siskin – 2020 – Present

### **Hall of Fame Members and Committee**

Archie Black – Inducted 1998  
Howard Herz – Inducted 1998  
Dale Seymour – Inducted 1998  
Bruce Landau – Inducted 1999 (deceased)  
Janice O’Neal – Inducted 1999 (deceased)  
Michael Knapp – Inducted 2000 (Chairman)  
Allan Myers - Inducted 2000  
Ernie Wheelden – Inducted 2000  
Harvey Fuller – Inducted 2001 (deceased)  
Doug Saito – Inducted 2001  
Bob Mera – Inducted 2002 (deceased)  
Greg Susong – Inducted 2002 (deceased)  
Phil Jensen – Inducted 2003  
Charlie Rodgers – Inducted 2004  
Mike Skelton – Inducted 2005  
Gene Trimble – Inducted 2006

Eric Rosenblum – Inducted 2006  
Jim Steffner - Inducted 2007  
Allan Anderson – Inducted 2008  
Jim Kruse – Inducted 2009  
Mark Lighterman – Inducted 2009  
Wayne Thompson – Inducted 2010  
Carey Burke – Inducted 2011  
Belinda Hixon – Inducted 2012  
Steve Passalacqua – Inducted 2013  
Doug Smith – Inducted 2016  
Roy Nelson – Inducted 2017  
Charles Kaplan – Inducted 2018  
Brenda Black – Inducted 2019

### **Honorary Life Members**

Mike Skelton  
Archie Black  
Michael Knapp  
Wayne Thompson  
Harvey Fuller (deceased)  
Jim Steffner  
Brenda Black

### **President's Award Established 2007**

2007 Brenda Black  
2007 Jim Kruse  
2008 Bruce Massey  
2008 Mary Ann Massey  
2008 Ralph Myers  
2009 Roy Nelson  
2009 Carey Burke  
2010 Sheldon Smith  
2011 no award  
2012 Paul & Barb Bender  
2012 Mike Quinlivan  
2013 George Dmitrevsky  
2013 Todd Barrett  
2014 Ed Hertel  
2014 Charles Kaplan  
2015 Neal Silverman  
2016 Myrna Lighterman and James Follis  
2017 Jerry Vergatos, Christine Smith and Brian "Splashman" Cashman  
2018 Steve Miller, Robb McPherson and David Spragg  
2019 Todd Barret and Steve Palumbo

### **Club Historian**

Howard Herz 1988 - 1989 - Appointed 1988  
Janice O'Neal 1989 – 1999 - Appointed 1989  
Carey Burke 2005 – Present – Appointed 2005  
Carey Burke and Jim Follis (added 2015) Co-Historians

### **Casino Chip and Token News Editor/Casino Collectible News**

Archie Black 1988 – 1994

Tom Dimberger 1994 – 1996

Kregg Herz 1996 - 2000

John Yee and Allan Anderson 2000 - 2002

Allan Anderson 2000 – 2008 (John Moore 2003)

Todd Barrett 2009 – 2011

Todd Barrett and Allan Anderson (alternating, 2012-2013)

Todd Barrett and Steve Miller (alternating, 2014)

Steve Miller and Robb McPherson (alternating, 2015-Present)

### **CCA Newsletter** (est. April, 2019)

Jerry Vergatos – Content Editor

Jim Follis – Copy and Layout Editor

Richard Huber – eMail Manager

### **Advertising Manager**

Charlie Rodgers 1991–2014

Allan Anderson 2014-Present

### **Claims Director**

Jim Reilly 1999-2002

Jim Pierre 2003

Travis Lewin 2004 – 2010

Mike Quinlivan 2010 – 2017

Jay Sands 2017 - Present

### **Club Librarian**

Robert Pardue 1998 - 2007

John Kallman 2007 – 2016

Wendy Schultz 2016 – Present

### **Club Webmaster**

Neal Silverman 1999-2001

Greg Susong 2001-2007

David Spragg 2007 - Present

### **Corporate Advertising Manager**

Allan Anderson TBD – 2017

Sheldon Smith 2018 – 2020

Nate Pincus 2020 - Present

### **Education Director**

Michael Knapp 1995 - 2001

Steve Piccollo (1997 Ed. Forum Chair)

Dick Covington 2002 – 2005

Sheldon Smith 2006 – 2011

Rick Pokracki 2011 - 2013

Sheldon Smith 2013 – 2014

James Kruse 2014 - 2018

Brenda Reimer 2018 - Present

**Election Committee**

Gene Trimble 1999 – 2001, 2008

Bruce and Mary Ann Massey 2005 – 2007, 2009 – Present (Co-Chairs)

**Membership Recruitment Committee Chairman (desolved)**

Jim Follis 2008 - 2009 (merged into Planning Committee)

**Mentoring Program Chairman**

Terry Shaffer 2005 - Present

**On-Line Communications Director (desolved)**

Jim Follis 2002 – 2008

**OTY Chairperson**

Archie Black 1990 – 2001, Assistant Jim Follis 2000 – 2001

Jim Follis 2002 – 2018, Assistant Casey Focazio-Follis 2004 – 2018

Trey Warren 2019 – Present

(visit: [www.ccgfcc.com/oty\\_awards.html](http://www.ccgfcc.com/oty_awards.html) to view past winners)

**Planning Committee Chairman (desolved)**

Steve Margolis 2008 - 2009

Allan Anderson 2009 - 2011

Jim Follis 2011 - 2013

**Promotions Sales Manager/Promotions Chairperson**

Janice O'Neal 1989-1994

Dick Allard 1994 - 2002

Pam Focazio 2002-2003

Tyrus Mulkey 2003-2005

Roy Nelson 2005-Present

**Property Manager (desolved)**

Vincent Mowery (1994)

Nick Mericke 2003 (merged into Promotions)

**Publicity Director**

Vincent Mowery (1994)

Vincent and Betty Mowery 1997

Kathi Lee 1997-1998

Bob Orme 1999

Dennis Zeller 1998-2000

Rich Burgel 2000-2002

Len Cipkins 2002 – 2006

Sheldon Smith 2006 – 2014

Cale Guthmiller Smith 2014 – 2016

Sheldon Smith 2016 – 2019

Rich Burgel 2019 – 2020

Brad Smith 2020 - Present

**Standards and Archives Committee Members**

Michael Knapp, Committee Chair 2001 – Present  
Archie Black  
Dick Covington  
Mark Lighterman  
Alan Schuyler  
Trey Warren

**Social Media Director**

Chip Rosenblum 2016 – Present, appointed 2016  
Jayden Ogden 2018 -2019  
Chuck Sikora IV 2019 – 2020

**Treasury Balance (periodic balances)**

December 15, 1988 - \$636.25  
March 31, 1989 – \$795.15  
May 31, 1990 - \$2,716.00  
May 31, 1991 - \$5,868.00  
June 30, 1995 - \$20,742.00  
December 31, 1995 - \$29,852.00  
June 30, 1996 - \$42,112.00  
December 31, 1996 - \$46,389.00  
June 30, 1997 - \$60,186.00  
December 31, 1998 - \$47,041.00  
December 31, 1999 - \$47,483.00  
December 31, 2000 - \$70,992.00  
November 30, 2001 - \$103,950.00  
September 27, 2002 - \$130,499.00 (includes \$14,693 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2002 - \$141,435 (includes \$16,912 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2003 - \$156,078 (includes \$31,841 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2004 - \$174,955 (includes \$57,858 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2005 - \$175,975 (includes \$73,299 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2006 - \$214,802 (includes \$89,863 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2007 - \$214,463 (includes \$108,089 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2008 - \$185,051 (includes \$109,654 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2009 - \$229,449 (includes \$108,312 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2010 - \$247,260 (includes \$99,757 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2011 - \$270,421 (includes \$99,500 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2012 - \$319,385 (includes \$100,145 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2013 - \$334,616 (includes \$99,850 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2014 - \$323,926 (includes \$90,744 in Building Fund)  
December 31, 2015 – \$328,859 (including \$112,386 in MoGH funds)  
December 31, 2016 – \$311,950 (including \$101325 in MoGH funds)  
December 31, 2017 -  
December 31, 2018 -  
December 31, 2019 -  
December 31, 2020 -

**Dues – Annual for domestic members**

1988 - 1989 \$5.00  
1989 - 1991 \$10.00  
1991- 1995 \$15.00  
1995 - 2006 \$20.00



2006 – 2017 \$30.00  
2017 - \$35

### **Museum of Gaming History Board Members**

#### **Current Board Members:**

Charles Kaplan, Acting Chairman and Webmaster  
Vice-Chairman (vacant)  
Ross Poppel  
Jerry Vergatos  
Doug Smith  
Jim Follis  
Jay Sands  
Rick Lonski  
Tom Dyer

#### **Past MoGH Board Members:**

Mike Skelton (Past Chairman)  
Wayne Thompson  
Jim Kruse  
Mike Quinlivan (Past Chairman)  
Neal Silverman (Past Chairman)  
Gene Trimble  
Eric Rosenblum  
Steve Palumbo  
Sheldon Smith

#### **MoGH Advisory Committee:**

Eileen DiRoccco, Publisher, Gaming Today  
Sandra Harris, Executive Director, Desert Caballeros Western Museum  
Mark Hall Patton, Curator, Clark County Museum System  
David G. Schwartz, Director, UNLV's Center for Gaming Research  
Christine Smith, MoGH Recording Secretary  
Bob Stoldal, Consulting Editor, KNPR  
Jonathon Ullman, Director, The Mob Museum

#### **Past MoGH Advisory Board Members**

Andy Hughes  
Jim Kruse, Education Director, CC&GTCC  
Mark Lighterman, Photographer, CC&GTCC  
Mike Skelton, Past President, CC&GTCC  
Wayne Thompson, Past President, CC&GTCC  
John Zoesch, Treasurer, CC&GTCC

#### **(Building) Museum Fund Chairman**

Jim Kruse 2000 – 2007  
Mike Skelton 2007 – 2008

#### **Museum of Gaming History Webmaster**

Charles Kaplan - 2008 - Present

#### **Museum of Gaming History ChipGuide ADMINS**

Sharona Baichman  
Robert Baker  
Jim Follis  
Helen Fricke  
Pat Fricke  
Cale Guthmiller  
Bill Harkins  
John Kallman  
Charles Kaplan  
Robb McPherson  
Eric Miller  
Steve Miller  
Steve Millett  
Peter Nathan  
Carlos Pascoal  
Mike Petty  
Rick Pokracki  
Ross Poppel  
Luke Rapley  
Albert Scalzo – Supervisor  
Michael Siskin  
Barry Weintraub (retired)

### **Museum of Gaming History Chairman's Award**

2018 – Jim Follis  
2019 – Albert Scalzo  
2020 -

### **Conventions**

1993 - Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV (April 30 - May 1)  
1994 - Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV (April 28 - 30)  
1995 - Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV (April 27 - 29)  
1996 - Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV (June 20 – 22)  
1997 - Aladdin Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV (June 19 – 21)  
1998 - Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (August 13 - 15)  
1999 - Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (June 17 - 19)  
2000 - Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (July 20 - 22)  
2001 - Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (May 30 - June 2)  
2002 - Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (June 5 - 8)  
2003 - Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (June 25 - 28)  
2004 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (June 16 - 19)  
2005 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (August 3 - 6)  
2006 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (June 29 - July 1)  
2007 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (August 8 - 11)  
2008 - Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (June 18 - 21)  
2009 - South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 25 - 28)  
2010 - South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 23 - 26)  
2011 - South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 22 - 25)  
2012 – South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 20 – 23)  
2013 – South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 19 – 22)  
2014 – South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 18 – 21)

2015 – South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 24 – 27)  
2016 – South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 23 – 25)  
2017 – South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 22 – 24)  
2018 – South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 21 – 23)  
2019 – South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 20 – 22)  
2020 – COVID canceled

### **Convention Chairs**

1993 – Archie Black & Michael Knapp  
1994 – Archie Black  
1995 – Mike Skelton  
1996 – Mike Skelton  
1997 – Mike Skelton  
1998 – Mike Skelton  
1999 – Wayne Thompson  
2000 – Wayne Thompson & Belinda Hixon  
2001 - Wayne Thompson & Belinda Hixon  
2002 – George & Liz Conrad (Resigned due to illness)  
2002 – Jim & Sandi Steffner  
2003 - Jim & Sandi Steffner  
2004 - Jim & Sandi Steffner  
2005 - Jim & Sandi Steffner  
2006 – Jim & Sandi Steffner  
2007 - Jim & Sandi Steffner  
2008 - Mike Pasternack & Dawn Satter  
2009 – Jim & Sandi Steffner  
2010 – Mary-Ann Massey & Sandi Steffner  
2011 – Dave & Debbie Harber  
2012 – Mike and Corni Quinlivan  
2013 – Mike and Corni Quinlivan  
2014 – Mike and Corni Quinlivan  
2015 – Sheldon and Christine Smith  
2016 – Sheldon and Christine Smith  
2017 – Sheldon and Christine Smith  
2018 – Steve Palumbo  
2019 – Steve Palumbo  
2020 – Steve Palumbo (Convention canceled)  
2021 – Steve Palumbo/Jerry Vergatos

### **Breakfast Chairman (dissolved)**

Michael Knapp (1994)

### **Convention Banquet Coordinator/Emcee**

Wayne Thompson 2001 - Present

### **Convention Banquet Featured Speaker**

2001 - Oscar Goodman - Mayor, City of Las Vegas  
2002 - William Boyd - Chairman, Boyd Gaming  
2003 - Claudine Williams - Chairman, Harrah's Las Vegas  
2004 - Robert Maheu - Advisor to Howard Hughes  
2005 - Richard Goeglein - Casino Executive  
2006 - Burt Cohen - Casino Executive

2007 - Marilyn Winn - Harrah's Las Vegas  
2008 - Ron Lurie - Casino Executive  
2009 - Michael Gaughan - Casino Executive  
2010 - Bill Zender - NV Gaming Control Agent/Casino Owner  
2011 - Jim Marsh - Casino Owner  
2012 – Eliot Jacobson – Mathematics & Computer Sciences Professor  
2013 – Alexandra Epstein – Executive VP and Partner of the El Cortez Las Vegas  
2014 - Karl Bennison – Chief of Nevada Gaming Enforcement  
2015 – Robert “Bob” Miller – Gov. NV 1989 – 1999  
2016 – Steven Cyr, author “Whale Hunt in the Desert”, Casino Super Host  
2017 – Frank Culotta, author, Las Vegas Mobster, and Government Witness  
2018 – Ted Whiting, Vice President, Corp. Surveillance, MGM Resorts Int.  
2019 -  
2020 – COVID canceled

#### **Bruce Landau Memorial Auction (2002) Chairman**

Howard and Kregg Herz 1994  
Bruce Landau 1993-2001  
1997 w/Howard and Kregg Herz  
1999 w/Howard and Kregg Herz  
Barry Weintraub 2002 – 2007  
w/Howard Herz, Kregg Herz (2003)  
David Spragg 2008 – 2016  
David Spragg and Jay Sands Co-Chairs 2016 - Present

#### **Bruce Landau Memorial Auction Auctioneer**

Jim Kruse (1994, 1997, 1999) – TBD (2003)  
Tyrus Mulkey 2003 - Present

#### **Convention Pre-Registration Chairman**

Bruce and Mary Ann Massey (2003)  
George Dmitrevsky TBD - Present

#### **Convention Registration Committee**

Art and Muriel Sanderson (1994, 1997, 1999)  
Vern and Alice Blank (1997, 1999)  
Brenda Black (2003) – 2019  
Marion Engels 2020 (COVID cancelled) - Present

#### **Convention Set-Up Committee**

Paul (2003) and Barb Bender TBD - 2013  
Bruce & Mary Ann Massey 2014  
Steve Palumbo & Alan Schuyler 2015 – 2017  
Alan Schuyler – 2015 - Present

#### **Convention Volunteer Chairperson**

Bob Bickford, 2005 - 2010  
Belinda Hixon 2010 – 2015  
Dave & Debbie Harbor 2015 – 2016  
Howard Edleman 2016 – 2017  
Ralph Myers 2017 – 2017

Belinda Hixon 2018 – 2019  
Scvot Parriott 2019 – Present

**Convention Volunteer Reception Guest Speaker**

Duke of Fremont - 2016  
Vincent Magliulo – 2017  
Neal Portnoy - 2018

**Convention Program Editor**

Archie Black (1994)  
Janice Ono (1997)  
Belinda Hixon (1999, 2003)  
Allan Anderson TBD – 2017  
Todd Barrett – 2018 - Present

**Convention Photographer**

Travis Lewin (1994)  
Mark Lighterman (1997, 1999, 2003-2013)  
Richard Covington 2014 - 2017  
Quintin Kamm 2014 – Present  
Jim Whobrey (Lead) 2017 – Present  
Chuck Gajewski 2017 - Present

**Convention Security**

Jerry O'Neal (1994)  
(Now contracted out)

**MoGH Exhibits Chairman**

Archie Black TBD – TBD  
Earl Donley (1994)  
Janice O'Neal 1999 w/Bill Miller (ballots)  
Joe Shaw (2003) - 2008  
Casey Focazio-Follis 2008 – 2014  
James Follis 2014 – Present, Assistant Casey Focazio-Follis

**Convention Kids Program Chairperson**

Belinda Hixon – 2010-2012  
Dave and Debbie Harber – 2013 – 2015  
Terri Lonski and Gayle Pleau 2016 - Present

**Membership Recruiter of the Year Award -  
The Robert "Bob" Mera Award (2005)**

1988 Charlie Rodgers  
1989 Charlie Rodgers  
1990 Bob Mera (Dealer)  
1990 Robert Eisenstadt (Non-dealer)  
1991 Bob Mera (Dealer)  
1991 Robert Eisenstadt (Non-dealer)  
1992 Bob Mera (Dealer)  
1992 Robert Eisenstadt (Non-dealer)  
1993 Bob Mera

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1995 Charlie Rodgers  
1996 "Charlie Rodgers  
1997 "Need Information"  
1998 Greg Susong  
1999 Greg Susong  
2000 American Chip Enterprises (Campiglia & Wells)  
2001 American Chip Enterprises (Campiglia & Wells)  
2002 American Chip Enterprises (Campiglia & Wells)  
2003 Pete & Chantel Rizzo  
2004 James Campiglia  
2005 Archie Black  
2006 Greg Cagle  
2007 Archie Black  
2008 Archie Black  
2009 Archie Black  
2010 Archie Black  
2011 Archie Black  
2012 Andy Hughes  
2013 Andy Hughes  
2014 Archie Black  
2015 Sheldon Smith  
2016 Doug Smith  
2017 Doug Smith  
2018 Doug Smith  
2019 – Doug Balduini  
2020 -

**Newsletter Article of the Year –  
The Harvey J. Fuller Award (2005)**

1988 Michael Knapp for "Information Booth" column  
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1990 Janice O'Neal for "Nevada Update" series  
1991 Alan Myers for "Southern Indiana Gambling"  
1992 Michael Knapp for "Fakes, Fantasy, Etc."  
1993 Fred Bergmann for "A Token Tour of Wisconsin's Indian Casinos"  
1994 Doug Saito for "The Lowest of the Low Gives Me the Highest of Highs"  
1995 Steve Passalacqua for "Chip Find of a Lifetime"  
1996 "Need Information"  
1997 "Need Information"  
1998 Phil Jensen for "Phil's Forays"  
1999 Phil Jensen for "Phil's Forays"  
2000 "Need Information"  
2001 Steve McLendon for "Gaming History of Lake Tahoe"  
2002 Allan Anderson for "Cal-Neva Resort, 75th Anniversary"  
2003 John Yee for "The Apache Hotel"  
2004 Mike Quinlivan for "The Flamingo Capri Revisited"  
2005 Tyrus Mulkey for "Howard R. Hughes Jr. and His Influence on the Transition From Gambling to Gaming"  
2006 Pam Goertler and Brian Cashman for "Fremont Street, Downtown Las Vegas"  
2007 Pam Goertler and Brian Cashman for "The Las Vegas Strip...The Early Years"

2008 Pam Goertler for "A Westside Story"  
2009 Pam Goertler for "A Westside Story"  
2010 Pam Goertler for "As Time Goes By" Parts 1 and 2  
2011 Todd Barrett for "Life is a Highway"  
2012 Jim Steffner for "From Star to Dust"  
2013 Tony Van Hook for "Jackpot Nevada"  
2014 Kevin Cook for "The Vegas Hotspot That Broke All the Rules"  
2015 Westen Charles for "Researching Jeff's Club"  
2016 Pam Goertler for "It Happened on Fremont Street"  
2017 Ed Hertel for "Illegals - Simple Chips, Incredible Histories"  
2018 – Ed Hertel (tbd)  
2019 - Ed Hertel

### **Janice O'Neal Memorial Book of the Year Award**

2011 – The Chip Rack, 13 (Sands, Spragg and Sarles)  
2012 – The Gaming Table, 4 (Sands, Spragg and Sarles)  
2013 – Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo (Terry Shaffer)  
2014 – Vegas And The Mob, (Al Moe)  
2015 – The King of Casinos, Willie Martello anf the El Rey Club (Andy Martello)  
2016 – TBD  
2017 – The Chip Rack 17, (Sands, Spragg and Sarles)  
2018 – The Chip Rack 18, (Sands, Spragg and Sarles)  
2019 – Mark Lighterman and Richard Bernhard

### **On-Line Video / Convention Cam**

2003 Greg Susong  
2018 – Ron Gaudette (Facebook Live)

### **Educational Exhibits, Competitive Judged Events**

2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Loretta Palumbo, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Rich Burgel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mary Lou Werner  
2020 – COVID canceled

### **People's Choice Award (Best Exhibit)**

1993 Henry Garrett - Cuba Display  
1994 Mark Lighterman - Monte Carlo Casino Chips and Plaques  
1995 Mel Jung - Brass Core Chips  
1996 Kenneth Hallenbeck  
1997 "Need Information"  
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1999 Cameron & Sandra Kessinger – "Casino Collectibles, They're Smokin'"  
2000 Edward Fox - 1990's Nevada Silver Strikes  
2001 Jim Kruse - Casino Quilts  
2002 Peter Van der Kar - O'Shea's  
2003 Bob Feeney - Snappers of the World  
2004 Jerry Birl - Collecting U.S. Casino Roulette Gaming Chips  
2005 Jerry Birl - A Study of the Slot Machine Tokens & Gaming Vouchers Used in Atlantic City Casinos from 1978 - 2003  
2006 Jerry Birl - A Study of Various "Mold Designs" Found on Nevada Casino Chips  
2007 Steve Bedo - The Hard Rock - It's not just Vegas, and it's not just Chips  
2008 Jerry Birl - The Wonderful World of Roulette

2009 Dale Seymour - Antique Gaming Markers and Counters  
2010 Bill Judge - A Selection of Casino Placemats  
2011 Ross Poppel - A Selection of Binion's Horseshoe Chips  
2012 Jerry Birl – 20 Years of Collecting Roulette Related Memorabilia  
2013 Carl Osborne – Jailhouse Gaming II  
2014 Andy Martello – King Of Casinos  
2015 James Campiglia – Westside Clubs and Casinos of Las Vegas  
2016 Jerry Birl – Don't Gamble – Advertise. A unique Collection of Vintage Dice Advertising Paperweights.  
2017 – Steve Palumbo, Atomic Nevada  
2018 – Terry Shaffer, Illegal Gambling Clubs of Toledo  
2019 – Loretta Palumbo, Eddie's Fabulous Fifties  
2020 – COVID canceled

### **Poker / Blackjack Tournament Director**

Robert Pardue 2003 - 2012  
Steve Bedo 2013 - 2014  
Jerry Vergatos 2014 – 2018  
David Sowell 2018 - Present

### **Club Poker Tournament Winners**

1999 Tony Kreusch  
2000 Jim Follis  
2001 Russ Diaz  
2002 Rick Aliperti  
2003 Patti Norris  
2004 Steve Wells  
2005 Jeff Wilcox  
2006 Wendy Beckers  
2007 Mark Abramson  
2008 Todd Barrett  
2009 Stu Lovett  
2010 Art Ferriera  
2011 Eric Swort  
2012 Wendy Beckers  
2013 William Conklin  
2014 Scott "Bear" Wuerth  
2015 Terry Schaffer  
2016  
2017 – Mark Lighterman  
2018 – Bob Bickford  
2019 – James Love  
2020 – COVID canceled

### **Club Blackjack Tournament Winners**

2003 David Lazarcheck  
2004 Peter Nathan  
2005 Peter Ricardi  
2006 Charles Lindsey  
2007 George Payne  
2008 Barry Hauptman



2009 Marc Abramson  
2010 Mike Christiansen  
2011 Klaus Berger  
2012 William Pentecost  
2013 Dr. Irwin Gross  
2014 Charles Lindsey  
2015 Mike Vuolo  
2016 –  
2017 – Klaus Berger  
2018 – Klaus Berger  
2019 – John Zoesch  
2020 – COVID canceled

### **Best Themed Costume at Banquet**

2009 Stan Kan  
2010 Stan Kan  
2011 Larry Hollibaugh  
2013 Myrna Lighterman

### **Best Decorated Convention Table (Dealer)**

2008  
2009  
2010  
2011 Larry Hollibaugh  
2012 Dave and Debbie Harber

### **Convention Chip**

1993 - Unknown  
1994 - Unknown  
1995 – David Rusyn  
1996 - Unknown  
1997 - Kevin Norris  
1998 - Kevin Norris  
1999 - Kevin Norris  
2000 - Unknown  
2001 - Unknown  
2002 - Kevin Norris  
2003 - Unknown  
2004 - Kevin Norris  
2005 - Kevin Norris  
2006 - Kevin Norris  
2007 - Kevin Norris  
2008 – Debbie Meister  
2009 – Todd Barrett  
2010 - Kevin Norris  
2011 - Kevin Norris  
2012 - Kevin Norris  
2013 – Todd Barrett  
2014 - Todd Barrett  
2015 –  
2016 –

2017 –  
2018 – Todd Barrett  
2019 -  
2020 -

**Convention Medal**

1993 - Unknown  
1994 - Unknown  
1995 – Kevin Norris  
1996 - Unknown  
1997 - Kevin Norris  
1998 – David Crandall  
1999 - Kevin Norris  
2000 - Unknown  
2001 - Unknown  
2002 - Kevin Norris  
2003 - Unknown  
2004 - Kevin Norris  
2005 - Kevin Norris  
2006 - Mike McCarty  
2007 - Kevin Norris  
2008 – Debbie Meister  
2009 – Kevin Norris  
2010 - Kevin Norris  
2011 - Kevin Norris  
2012 - Kevin Norris  
2013 – Todd Barrett  
2014 - Todd Barrett  
2015 –  
2016 –  
2017 –  
2018 -

**Personal Chip of the Year**

2018 -  
2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Paul Liscio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Fred Bergman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Keith Bearden  
2020 – COVID canceled