

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

History Page – Updated July 5, 2025

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>CC, 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>CC Convention (May 1)

1994 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (April 30)

1995 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (April 29)

1996 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 22)

1997 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 21)

1998 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (August 13)

1999 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 17)

2000 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (July 20)

2001 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (May 31)

2002 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 6)

2003 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 26)

2004 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 18)

2005 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (August 5)
2006 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 30)
2007 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (August 11)
2008 - Las Vegas, NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 21)
2009 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 26)
2010 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 23)
2011 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 26)
2012 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 21)
2013 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 22)
2014 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 21)
2015 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 25)
2016 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 23)
2017 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 22)
2018 - Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 23)
2019 – Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 22)
2020 – Canceled due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 17)
2022 – Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 18)
2023 – Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 22)
2024 – Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 13)
2025 – Las Vegas NV at the CC>CC Convention (June 12)

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 – 2021, Elected 2019
Jerry Vergatos 2021 – 2022 Elected 2021 (resigned) April 5, 2022)
Office Vacant April 5, 2022 to July 7, 2022
David Spragg 2022 – 2023, Elected July 7, 2022 by Special Election
David Spragg 2023 – Present, Elected 2023
Barry Sherwood 2025 – Present, Elected 2025

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 2014
Jay Sands 2016 – Present, Elected 2016
Jim Follis 2018 – 2020, Elected 2018
Jim Follis 2020 – 2022, Elected 2022
Jim Follis 2022 – 2024, Elected 2022
Jim Follis 2024 – Present, Elected 2024

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 – 2022, Elected 2022
Bud Wisinski 2022 – 2024, Elected 2022
Bud Wisinski 2024 – Present, Elected 2024

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 – 2021, Elected 2019
David Spragg 2021 – 2022, Resigned to become President
James Hogg 2022 – 2023 By appointment
James Hogg 2023 – 2025, Elected 2023
James Hogg 2025 – Present, Elected 2025

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 – 2022, Elected 2020
Jay Sands 2022 - 2024, Elected 2022
Jay Sands 2024 – 2025, Elected 2024 (resigned 2025)
Mike Nawrocki 2025 – Present, Appointed 2025

Officer At-Large #1

Richard Huber 2024 - Present, Elected 2024

Officer At-Large #2

Dick Bartley 2024 - 2025, Elected 2024
J. Eric Freedner 2025 – Present, Elected 2025

Legal Counsel/Team

Eric Rosenblum 1990-Present (Emeritus)
Christine Smith – 2020 - 2022
Michael Siskin – 2020 – Present

Hall of Fame Members and Committee

Archie Black – Inducted 1998
Howard Herz – Inducted 1998

Dale Seymour – Inducted 1998 (deceased)
Bruce Landau – Inducted 1999 (deceased)
Janice O’Neal – Inducted 1999 (deceased)
Michael Knapp – Inducted 2000 (Past 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 (deceased)
Mike Skelton – Inducted 2005
Gene Trimble – Inducted 2006 (deceased)
Eric Rosenblum – Inducted 2006 (deceased)
Jim Steffner - Inducted 2007
Allan Anderson – Inducted 2008
Jim Kruse – Inducted 2009
Mark Lighterman – Inducted 2009
Wayne Thompson – Inducted 2010
Carey Burke – Inducted 2011 (deceased)
Belinda Hixon – Inducted 2012
Steve Passalacqua – Inducted 2013
Doug Smith – Inducted 2016
Roy Nelson – Inducted 2017
Charles Kaplan – Inducted 2018
Brenda Black – Inducted 2019
None 2020
David Spragg - Inducted 2021
Jay Sands Inducted 2022
Ed Hertel – Inducted 2023
David Sarles – Inducted 2024
Mike Quinlivan – Inducted 2025

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, Mary Ann Massey, Ralph Myers
2009 Roy Nelson
2009 Carey Burke
2010 Sheldon Smith
2011 No Award
2012 Paul and Barb Bender, Mike Quinlivan
2013 George Dmitrevsky
2013 Todd Barrett

2014 Ed Hertel
2014 Charles Kaplan
2015 Neal Silverman
2016 Myrna Lighterman, 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
2020 Jim Follis, the "Recruiting Team": Collectively Mike Spinetti, Rich Burgel, Rich Klabacha and Rick Lonski
2021 Michael Siskin, Doug Smith
2022
2023 Brad Smith
2024 Chris Carlson, Paul Schaffer
2025 Ron Gaudette, Jay Sands, Mike Brodeur

Club Historian

Howard Herz 1988 - 1989 - Appointed 1988
Janice O'Neal 1989 – 1999 - Appointed 1989
Carey Burke 2005 – 2023 – 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 Dirnberger 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, 2015-2024)
Steve Miller 2024 - Present

CCA Newsletter (est. April, 2019) (on hiatus 2024)
Jerry Vergatos – Content Editor (April 2019 – April 2025)
Jim Follis – Copy and Layout Editor
Richard Huber – eMail Manager

CCA Members Newsletter (est. 2024)

Brad Smith – Content Editor

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 – 2022
Mike Quinlivan 2022 – 2024
Jim Steffner 2024 - 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
Barry Sherwood – 2023 – 2024
Mike Brodeur 2024 - 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 – 2022
Charles Kaplan 2022 – 2024
James Kruse 2024 – 2024
Charles Kaplan 2024 - Present

Election Committee

Gene Trimble 1999 – 2001, 2008
Bruce and Mary Ann Massey 2005 – 2007, 2009 – 2022 (Co-Chairs)
Doug Smith 2022 - Present

Membership Recruitment Committee Chairman (dissolved)

Jim Follis 2008 - 2009 (merged into Planning Committee)

Membership Growth and Engagement Committee (Est. August 2023)

Doug Smith – Chairman
Allan Anderson
Doug Balduni
Len Cipkins
Ed Hertel
Bob Miksztal
Roy Nelson
Paul Schaffer
Brad Smith
Doug Smith
Barry Sherwood
Rick Timmins

Mentoring Program Chairman

Terry Shaffer 2005 - Present

On-Line Communications Director (dissolved)

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.ccgctcc.com/oty_awards.html to view past winners)

Planning Committee Chairman (dissolved)

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 2005-2023
Sharona Baichman 2023 – 2025
(vacant)

Property Manager (dissolved 2022, re-established 2023)

Vincent Mowery (1994)
Nick Mericke 2003 (merged into Promotions)
Chris Carlson 2023 – Present (removed from 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 – 2018
Jayden Ogden 2018 -2019
Chuck Sikora IV 2019 – 2020
Paul Schaffer 2022 - 2024
Rene Contreras 2024 – 2025

(vacant)

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 \$101,325 in MoGH funds)
December 31, 2017 -
December 31, 2018 -
December 31, 2019 -
December 31, 2020 –
December 31, 2021 -
December 31, 2022 -
December 31, 2023 -
December 31, 2024 –
December 31, 2025 -

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
2024 - \$40

Museum of Gaming History Board Members Current Board Members:

Charles Kaplan, Chairman and Webmaster
Jim Follis Vice-Chairman

Ross Poppel
Doug Smith
Jay Sands
Rick Lonski
Pam Focazio
Paula Newman
Barry Sherwood

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 (Past Chairman)
Sheldon Smith
Jerry Vergatos
Ted Whiting
James Hogg
Tom Dyer

MoGH Advisory Committee:

Eileen DiRocco, Publisher, Gaming Today
Sandra Harris, Executive Director, Desert Caballeros Western Museum
Mark Hall Patton, Curator, Clark County Museum System (retired)
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
Mark Lighterman
Mike Skelton
Wayne Thompson
John Zoesch

(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

John Albritton
Sharona Baichman
Robert Baker
Jeff Bass
Barry Berkowitz
James Bosnik

Chris Carlson
Raul Chirila
Ron Clewell
Jim Follis
Helen Fricke (retired)
Pat Fricke (retired)
Patrick Gianotto
Cale Guthmiller
Bill Harkins
Anna Lena Hedgren-Garrett
Ed Hertel
John Kallman (deceased)
Charles Kaplan
lyler Kirsch
Robb McPherson
Eric Miller
Steve Miller
Steve Millett
Peter Nathan
Carlos Pascoal (retired)
Mike Petty
Rick Pokracki
Ross Poppel
Luke Rapley
Albert Scalzo – Supervisor
Michael Siskin
Jo Stevens
Barry Weintraub (retired)

Museum of Gaming History Chairman's Award

2018 – Jim Follis
2019 – Albert Scalzo
2020 – Charles Kaplan
2021 – Robert Baker
2022 – John Kallman
2023 – Pam Focazio, Robert Baker
2024 – Ron Gaudette
2025 – Pam Focazio

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
2021 - South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June)
2022 - South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 15 - 17)
2023 - South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 20)
2024 - South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 13 - 15)
2025 - South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Las Vegas, NV (June 12 - 14)

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

2022 – Jerry Vergatos (resigned) Jim Steffner (filled in)
2023 – Jim Steffner
2024 - Jim Steffner
2025 David & Leslie Sowell

Breakfast Chairman (dissolved)

Michael Knapp (1994)

Convention Banquet Coordinator/Emcee

Wayne Thompson 2001 – 2022

Doug Smith 2023 - 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

2021 –

2022 – Dennis Blair, Entertainer

2023 –

2024 – Oliver Lovat, Casino Consultant

2025 – Neal Portnoy, Artist (Las Vegas Mayor, Shelley Berkley, presented ChipGuide Day Proclamation.)

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, 2021 - Present)

Tyrus Mulkey 2003 - 2025

Dick Bartley – 2023 - 2025

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) – 2023
Tina Miller/Steve Miller (2024 – 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 – 2019
Chris Carlson 2021 - 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
Scot Parriott 2019 – Present

Convention Volunteer Reception Guest Speaker

Duke of Fremont - 2016
Vincent Magliulo – 2017
Neal Portnoy – 2018
2019
2020 (None due to COVID)
2021
2022 – Dennis Blair
James Hogg - 2023
David Spragg – 2024
David Spragg - 2025

Convention Program Editor

Archie Black (1994)
Janice Ono (1997)
Belinda Hixon (1999, 2003)
Allan Anderson TBD – 2017
Todd Barrett – 2018 – 2022
Steve Miller 2023 – 2024
David Spragg - 2025

Convention Photographer

Travis Lewin (1994)
Mark Lighterman (1997, 1999, 2003-2013)
Richard Covington 2014 - 2017
Quintin Kamm 2014 – 2023
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
Jim Follis 2014 – Present, Assistant Casey Focazio-Follis 2015 - Present

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
1994 Bob Mera (one award annually)
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 Doug Smith
2021 Andy Hughes
2022 Doug Balduini
2023 Jim Follis
2024 None Awarded (4-way tie with 2 recruitments each.)

2025 – None Awarded (multiple, single recruitments)

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

1988 Michael Knapp for “Information Booth” column
1989 Michael Knapp for “Information Booth” column
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 (tbd)
2020 Ed Hertel, Forensic Investigation into Illegal Gambling History in Florida and Illinois.
2021 Brad Smith
2022 -
2023 Dick Bartley
2024 Jim Lundruff
2025 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

2020 – Paul Bender, The Joints of Jeffersonville and Southern Illinois.
2021 – The Chip Rack 20, (Sands, Spragg and Sarles)
2022 –
2023 – The Chip Rack 21, (Sands, Spragg and Sarles)
2024 – None
2025 – Poker Pioneer, (Brad Smith and Tom McEvoy)

Greg Susong Memorial Award

2010 – 2011 - Charles Kalan
2011 – 2012 - Todd Barrett
2012 – 2013 - Gene Trimble
2013 – 2014 - Doug Smith
2014 – 2015 - Charles “CT” Rodgers
2015 – 2016 - tie: Steve Bedo and Neal Silverman
2016 – 2017 - None (contest not run)
2017 - 2018 – Jim Follis
2018 - 2019 – Jay Sands
2019 - 2020 – Steve Miller
2020 - 2021 – David Spragg
2021 - 2022 – Jim Follis
2022 - 2023 – Pam Goertler
2023 - 2024 – Paul Schaffer
2024 - 2025 - Steve Miller

On-Line Video / Convention Cam

2003 Greg Susong
2018 – Present, Ron Gaudette (Facebook Live)

Educational Exhibits, Competitive Judged Events

2019 - 1st Place, Loretta Palumbo, 2nd place Rich Burgel, 3rd Place Mary Lou Werner
2020 – None COVID Cancelled
2021 – 1st Place Gregg Fisher, 2nd Place Jerry Vergatos
2022 1st Place Doug Balduini, 2nd Place Charles Kaplan
2023 – 1st Place Charles Kaplan, 2nd Place Stan Pokrywiecki
2024 – 1st Place Charles Kaplan, 2nd Place J. Horvatic, 3rd Place James Hogg
2025 – Jerry Birl 1st Place, CT Coins, Tom and Barbara Hartel 2nd Place

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”
1998 “Need Information”
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 – None COVID canceled
2021 - Rich Burgel, Florida Pari Mutual and Casino Gambling Items, and Select Atlantic City Casino Items
2022 – Doug Balduini, Through the Years - Sahara, Las Vegas
2023 – Charles Kaplan, Caribbean Dollar\$
2024 – Ron Gaudette, My Bicentennial Collection
2025 – (tie) Jerry Birl - A Unique Collection of Chips with Roulette Wheel Designs,
Casey Focazio-Follis – My NERF Gun Commemorative Chips and Their Guns

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 Kreuzsch
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 – None COVID canceled
2021 – Linda Johnson
2022 – Barry Sherwood
2023 – Tom McEvoy
2024 – Shawn Greenwood

2025 -

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 – None COVID canceled
2021 – Gayle Sherwood
2022 – Tournaments suspended indefinitely.

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 –
2021 –
2022 –
2023 –
2024 –
2025 -

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 –
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2018 –
2019 -
2020 -
2021 -
2022 -
2023 -
2024 –
2025 - This is the final issue.

Personal Chip of the Year

2018 -
2019 - 1st Place Paul Liscio, 2nd Place Fred Bergman, 3rd Place Keith Bearden
2020 – COVID canceled
2021 - 1st Place Chris Carlson, 2nd Place Mike Vuolo, 3rd Place Steve Miller

2022 – 1st Place Chris Carlson, 2nd Place David Sowell, 3rd Place Archie and Brenda Black
2023 – 1st Place Chris Carlson, 2nd Place David Sowell, 3rd Place Archie & Brenda Black
2024 – 1st Place Trey Warren, 2nd Place Mike & Kathy Nawrocki
2025 – 1st Place Spinnetis Gaming Supplies, 2nd Place Roy Klein