

Emerging Leaders Awards Reception

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The Opium Room at Tao Nightclub bustled with activity as Emerging Leaders of Gaming™ capped off another day at G2E with an awards ceremony dedicated to this year's Global Gaming Business Magazine "40 Under 40" winners. Nominations were submitted online, and event co-chairs John Connelly, Chief Executive Officer of Interblock Gaming; Eileen Moore, Regional President of Caesars Entertainment; and Angela Heikes, Chief Operating Officer of SMSC Gaming Enterprise cast their votes for the following list of honorees:

1. Aron Ezra, Chief Executive Officer, OfferCraft;
2. Joanne Israel, General Manager, Seneca Buffalo Casino;
3. Darion Lowenstein, Chief Marketing Officer, Gamblit;
4. Patrick Nichols, Senior Vice President of Strategy and Business Development, The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas;
5. Sara Gonso Tait, Executive Director, Indiana Gaming Commission; and
6. Kurt Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Casino Cash Trac.

Said the organizer of Emerging Leaders of Gaming and The Innovation Group's Executive Vice President, David Rittvo, "This year's class was chosen from one of the strongest groups of nominees we have seen since the program's inception five years ago. This class represents a broad cross section of our industry and we look forward to watching their careers grow and evolve."

Emerging Leaders of Gaming continues to offer networking and career advancement opportunities to future senior-level and C-suite executives. As part of the education initiative, Emerging Leaders of Gaming also presented a series of seminars in the new Innovation Lab booth at G2E, and continues to host free quarterly webinars in conjunction with the American Gaming Association ("AGA"). The Innovation Group would like to thank the AGA and G2E for their support of the program, and congratulate this year's "40 Under 40" winners.

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