

Emerging Leaders Expansion

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This year has continued to bring increasing momentum to the Emerging Leaders of Gaming™ (“ELG”) after several successful initiatives. At G2E this October, hundreds of industry executives gathered at the annual ELG awards reception in Las Vegas to acknowledge Global Gaming Business magazine's "40 Under 40" [Class of 2017](#), as well as honorees Amy Lawrence, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs and Associate General Counsel, AGS; Mattias Stetz, Chief Operating Officer, Rush Street Interactive; Murali Ganesan, Vice President, Sales - Gaming, Scientific Games; Seth Young, Director of Online Gaming, Foxwoods Resort Casino; Shannon Keel, General Manager, Akwesasne Mohawk Casino; and Tyler Bain, Executive Director Relationship Marketing, Las Vegas Sands Corp. Co-chairs Seth Schorr, CEO of Fifth Street Gaming and Chairman of the Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino Las Vegas; Kathy George, CEO of FireKeepers Casino Hotel; and Julia Boguslawski, Chief Marketing Officer at AGS, worked with event organizers to complete the challenging task of picking this year's select honorees from the impressive and lengthy list of nominees. In the days leading up to G2E, GGB also announced the [Class of 2018](#), sure to be featured in “40 Under 40” articles over the coming year.

The Innovation Group (“TIG”) launched the Emerging Leaders program in 2012 as a means of offering collaborative opportunities to young professionals in an industry already teeming with competition. As the years have progressed, the program has grown into a year-round platform for both education and networking. Says TIG President Michael Soll about ELG, “This program relies heavily on grass-roots action by its participants, and it's our company's honor to foster this opportunity for a new generation of professionals. We look forward to continuing its evolution.” [Click here](#) for Michael's full article about the history of the program and the direction it is predicted to take.

ELG continues to release compelling and informative video webinars featuring panels of experts discussing hot industry topics. To catch up on these webinars, check out the [Emerging Leaders of Gaming web page](#).

The growth of the ELG program has also brought added networking opportunities and events at conferences like G2E Asia and Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention, so be on the lookout for our team at these events next year.

To our partners and members, we say thank you for ensuring this program's success with your support. We are eager to continue its growth into the new year.