



TRIBAL GAMING PROTECTION NETWORK THUNDERBIRD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Thank you for your consideration and choosing to explore the benefits of becoming a Tribal Gaming Protection Network (TGPN) Thunderbird Member. In this packet, you will find information on TGPN, our membership structure, criteria, and instructions for applying. TGPN is highly committed to forming strong relationships with entities that support Indian Country.

About TGPN

The Tribal Gaming Protection Network was founded to provide regulatory outreach, services, and education for the Tribal Gaming Industry. Our goal is to protect Tribal Entities by strengthening relationships and providing knowledge to those working in the Tribal Gaming Industry.

I. Membership Structure

Tribal Member: Any Tribal Nation, Entity, or Tribal Regulatory Agency.

Annual Dues:

1. 0-1,000 Machines: \$1000 USD per year
2. 1,000-2,500 Machines: \$1,500 USD per year
3. 2,500-5,000 Machines: \$2,000 USD per year
4. 5,000-10,000 Machines: \$2,500 USD per year
5. 10,000-more Machines: \$3,000 USD per year

Associate Member: An entity regularly engaged in providing goods or services directly to the Tribal Gaming Industry and who has a minimum of three consecutive years of engagement prior to this application.

Annual Dues:

1. 25 or fewer employees: \$1500 USD per year
2. 25-50 employees: \$2,250 USD per year
3. 51-100 employees: \$3,000 USD per year
4. 101 or more employees: \$3,750 USD per year

*25% Discount to Native-Owned Entities (50% or more native ownership)

Affiliate Member: A consultant or individual that does business in the Tribal Gaming Industry or otherwise provides services to a Tribal Government entity.

Annual Dues:
\$1000 USD per year

*25% Discount to Certified Native- Owned Entities

II. Eligibility

All members must meet the following qualifications:

1. Is engaged in the tribal gaming industry for no less than three consecutive years prior to applying.
2. Sponsorship from at least one TGPN Board of Directors (Board).

III. Process

Initial Application

1. Submit application and attachments:
 - Membership Dues
 - Letter of Sponsorship (Associate and Affiliate Member Only)
 - Code of Conduct
 - Self-Certification
2. TGPN Membership Committee will review for completeness and assure all minimum requirements are met.
3. A suitability review, by the Board, will follow at the next scheduled meeting.
4. Applicant will be notified via email.

Renewal Application

1. Submit application and attachments:
 - Membership Dues
 - Code of Conduct
2. TGPN Membership Committee will review for completeness and assure all minimum requirements are met.
3. A suitability review, by the Board, will follow at the next scheduled meeting.
4. Applicant will be notified via email.

IV. Membership Responsibilities

1. Members are expected to endorse and participate in TGPN's initiatives and attend educational offerings.

2. Proudly announce your TGPN membership by displaying the TGPN member graphic on your organization's website or social media platforms.
3. Utilize TGPN's resources as appropriately.

V. Benefits

1. Two free passes to choice of TGPN conferences, symposiums or webinars per membership year.
2. Special membership rate (20% discount) on all other goods, programs or services provided by TGPN.
3. Use of TGPN's logo on your company's website.
4. Company logo displayed on TGPN website as a TGPN Thunderbird Member.
5. Inclusion in the TGPN Referral Network for tribes looking for services or contacts.
6. Early bird submissions for training proposals for all TGPN events.
7. Early bird submissions on promotional opportunities.
8. Special access to NICSA member association events.
9. Opportunity to interview on TGPN Unplugged; a TGPN podcast.

VI. Contact

Membership Info:

- Frances Alvarez, TGPN Chairwoman
Tribal Services Manager, BMM Technologies
Email: alvarez0seven@outlook.com
- Dave Vialpando, MBA, CFE, CFCS, TGPN Vice-Chairman
Executive Director, Pokagon Band Gaming Commission
Email: david.vialpando@polagonband-nsn.gov
- Julie Hakman, TGPN Secretary
President and CEO, American Checked, Inc.
Email: jhakman@americanchecked.com
- Nicole Heron, MBA, CPA, CGMA TGPN Treasurer
Regional Finance Director, Penn National Gaming
Email: nwcpcpa@hotmail.com

Email:

- tgpnglobal@gmail.com