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WVA&LVLOA Executive Director Appointed to WV Council on Problem Gambling Board

(CHARLESTON, WV) – May 19, 2005 – Patricia Pope, Executive Director of the West Virginia Amusement & Limited Video Lottery Operators Association, has recently been named as a board member of the West Virginia Council on Problem Gambling. The council was incorporated in December of 2003, is an affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling, Washington, D.C., and maintains a neutral stance on the issue of problem gambling.

“The WVCPG works to increase public awareness of problem gambling, ensure widespread availability of treatment, and encourage research and programs for prevention and education. I am pleased to have this opportunity to contribute to the council’s efforts and success,” remarked Pope.

Pope assumed responsibilities as Executive Director of the West Virginia Amusement & Limited Video Lottery Operators Association in February of 2004. As Executive Director, she is responsible for the management and direction of all operations, programs, activities, and affairs of the Association. She was formerly Vice President of West Virginia Operations for Summit Amusement & Distributing, a VLT manufacturer, of Billings, Montana.

Her background includes governmental experience at both the federal and state levels having held the position of Staff Assistant for Economic Development and Special Projects in the Charleston office of Second Congressional District Representative Bob Wise. When Wise subsequently become governor, she was Special Projects Coordinator for The Governor’s Office of Technology.

The WVCPG and the WV Amusement & LVL Operators Association worked together this past March to accomplish the council’s “Family Project” during Problem Gamblers Awareness Week. Together, with matching contributions from the Association and the Problem Gamblers Help Network of WV, they supplied 10 WV county libraries with books, videotapes, and other resource materials on the subject of problem gambling.

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