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Dunn to lead COAM board, group to meet on gift cards

By Paul Tash, Georgia Amusement Journal The COAM Advisory Board elected Emily Dunn as its chair to replace the resigning Gus Makris during an abbreviated meeting via conference call June 11.

Coronavirus precautions necessitated the meeting take place over the phone, though Dunn said she hoped the next meeting in July could be held in person. Vice Chairman Chris Pope noted that despite the nature of the meeting, the board had "very good participation" with all

but one member taking part. Pope ran the meeting initially until the board's unanimous election of Dunn as chair.

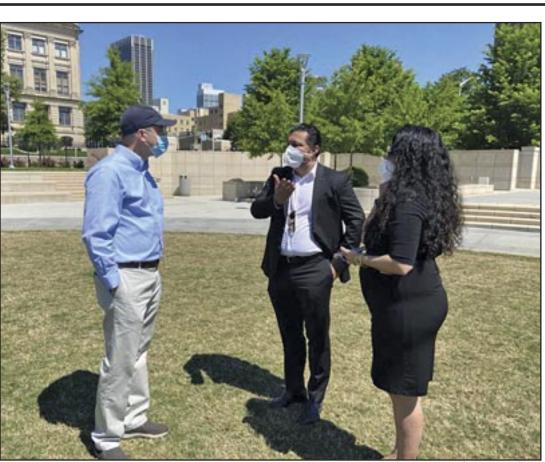
"Thank you for taking over (as chair)," Pope told Dunn.

After she thanked Makris for his service as previous chair, Dunn's first order of business was to set the dates of the board's quarterly meetings. The board agreed to the following four dates



for its next meetings – July 14, Oct. 7, Jan. 12 and April 13.

In other action, the board agreed that a working group previously formed to develop a framework for an industry gift card should meet soon, possibly within 15 days. The work group is comprised of board members,



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ATTORNEY GENERAL Chris Carr, left, talks with Husain Kurji and Laila Premji of the Kurji Foundation after

Premji of the Kurji Foundation after front of the Capitol building May 1. **Kurji Foundation gives back**

By Paul Tash Georgia Amusement Journal Calling it "humbling" to have the opportunity to benefit the community, Laila Premj recently presented the Atlanta Community Food Bank and Georgia Food Bank Association with a donation of \$37,000 on behalf of the Kurji Foundation.

The Foundation is the nonprofit arm

of Highness Amusement, a master license holder in Georgia headed by President Mike Kurji. Premji is his wife and leads the Foundation.

the Foundation donated \$37,000 to

the Atlanta Community Food Bank in

The donation will help provide thousands of meals for the hungry in the Atlanta area.

"It's really humbling," Premji told the *Journal*. "There is a real need. We



License renewal window now open

By Paul Tash, Georgia Amusement Journal

The COAM Division of the Georgia Lottery Corp. is reminding COAM licensees that licensing application is now open for the 2021 licensing period (July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021) through the Georgia Lottery Corp.'s COAM website, www.gacoam.com.

The licensing application covers the following licenses:

- Master Class A New and renewal
- Master Class B Renewal only

- Location Class A New and renewal
- Location Class B New and renewal
- Manufacturer New and renewal
- Distributor New and renewal

The Lottery is not accepting any new Class B Master License applications.

The COAM Division also reminded licensees that the COAM Location License Holder Guide is available in the

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Registration open for GAMOA's Expo

Registraion is now open for the Southern Amusement and Entertainment Expo, sponsored by the Georgia Amusement and Music Operators Association, Aug. 26-27 in Duluth, GA.

Participants and vendors can register on GAMOA's website, www.gamoa.org.

The event is moving this year to the Infinite Energy Center in Duluth after several years at the Atlanta Airport Marriott. Kaiser said the new, larger venue will better accommodate the growing Expo and related educational workshops. The Southern Amusement and Entertainment Expo is working successfully to become a regional show with



and exhibitors from all over the Southeast encouraged to attend.

"It will be a great opportunity for networking and education and having a lot of fun," GAMOA

Executive Director Christina Kaiser said. GAMOA members can register for the full event, including the Awards Banquet, for \$150, while registration for members who don't wish to attend the banquet is \$100. Other registration options for nonmembers are

available, as well. GAMOA is still working out the details and will release an agenda on its website soon, Kaiser said. Attendees can expect the Expo to feature the latest products and services from every segment of the industry. Attendees will have an exclusive hands-on opportunity to review exhibitors' newest innovations and network with fellow industry insiders.

GAMOA is again hosting the event with two other organizations, the North Carolina Coin Operators Association and the North Carolina Citizens for Free Enterprise, a group of business owners and supporters working to create a fair skill-based game environment in North Carolina.

"We're working diligently to offer a newly designed Expo that our industry can be proud of."

Board

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industry representatives and regulators, with board member Hemal Patel as "point person" for the group.

Industry representatives and regulators had just renewed an effort to develop the gift-card redemption idea before the coronavirus pandemic hit in March. The gift card is an opportunity for the COAM industry to improve its revenue and its contribution to the HOPE and Pre-K education programs, the needs of which increase every year, industry representatives and regulators agree.

The COAM Division of the Georgia Lottery Corp. in April extended the deadline for potential vendors to reply to a Request for Information for the developing COAM gift-card idea to June 1. An update on the ROI wasn't provided at the June 11 COAM Advisory Board meeting.

The Lottery had distributed in March a Request for Information (RFI) to potential gift-card vendors to get an idea of the cost and feasibility. Vendors were asked to provide information back by the new June 1 deadline, and a gift-card framework developed sometime after that, depending on how the coronavirus pandemic plays out.

"We are also building a framework for our marketing research plan that was discussed in the last board meeting and look forward to taking action on this plan when the COVID-19 crisis subsides," COAM Division's Senior Vice President John Heinen had said in April.

On another matter, Patel praised regulators and locations for their persistence during the pandemic.

"A lot has happened in Georgia and in the world," he said. "Thanks to the Lottery for keeping the doors open. And a big thank you to the locations for staying open."

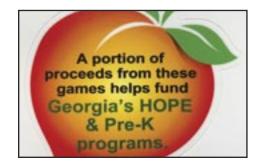
Connect, power up machines

To ensure accurate reporting of financial data to the Central Accounting System, the Georgia Lottery Corporation (GLC) says it is imperative the Location License Holders (LLHs) ensure all equipment remains connected to the site controller and powered up at all times. The GLC maintains a record of those LLHs that are repeat offenders of failing to ensure the continuous connectivity and operation of Class B COAMs. Failure to comply with these procedures may result in fines up to \$50,000, suspension and/or revocation of the license.

COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINE LOCATION SWEEP AND MASTER PUSH CALENDAR 2020											
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*Indicates sweep or push date has been changed to accommodate holiday

Note: Holidays on a Thursday and Friday may delay the availability of the Location Period Accounting Report on the following Monday



Journal Opinion

GACS combining convention, Show

By Sharon Shuford GACS Membership Strategy

The year 2020 will long be remembered more for its lows than its highs. For the first time, GACS cancelled its annual summer convention amid concerns about the safety and wellbeing of its members and associates.

While the coming together of friends, family and business associates cannot be replicated or replaced, GACS is bringing many of the convention highlights to its annual Southern Convenience Store and Petroleum Show at the Macon Centreplex Nov. 18-19.

The association recently announced this year's Show will be enhanced and expanded by bringing in several aspects of the convention. Now in its 18th year, and as recovery from COVID-19 progresses, the show's theme "Back On Track" is particularly appropriate: C-Store retailers will find new ways to learn how to improve their businesses.

"We are going to do everything possible to make lemonade out of this corona lemon we've been handed," GACS President Angela Holland said. "Many of the convention functions you've grown to love will be hosted in Macon."

New for the 2020 Show

First, the Show will be open over two days: from noon - 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18; and from noon - 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19. This pro-

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vides exhibitors with more time

ducts and services on display at

to spend with retailers, and it

provides retailers with more

Second, education sessions will be offered both mornings, along with breakfast. Bonnie Herzog, Goldman Sachs, highlights the first morning. Bonnie provided tremendous insight



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into purchasing trends at the 2019 convention. This year she will share updates and foresight with respect to future



jections during her not-to-bemissed presentation. Other Wednesday speakers

include Larry Levin of IRi and Frank Herrera of H New Media Law. The morning concludes with two tracks - one on nuclear legal verdicts, led by Elissa Haynes with Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP, and the other on the future of fuel, identified by GACS young professionals as a "must explore further" topic during their meeting earlier this year.

Thursday morning's education session focuses on legislative issues, as GACS plans to reprise the Legislative Panel breakfast, a convention highlight. Panelists will discuss this year's session activity and look ahead to 2021. The panel will be followed by two tracks: One features In Our Backyard director Nita Belles, who will lead a session on GACS' human trafficking initiative, the other is an open discussion for GACS Young Professionals.

Other highlights include a Wednesday night dinner featuring a highly entertaining speaker (to be announced soon) and the first-ever GACS PAC Bowling Blast Tuesday evening, Nov. 17, at Pin Strikes Entertainment Center in Macon. This three-game tournament kicks off the Show and promises to bring more fun and network-

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the Show.



— REPORTING DATES —

COAM calendar

Now:

The COAM licensing application (www.gacoam.com) is open for the 2021 licensing period (07/01/2020 -06/30/2021) for the following: Master Class A - NEW and RENEWAL Master Class B - RENEWAL Location Class A - NEW and RENEWAL Location Class B - NEW and RENEWAL Manufacturers, Distributors - NEW and RENEWAL June 20: Each monthly report should be submitted by Location License Holders in electronic format via the www.gacoam.com website as required by the GLC by the 20th of each following month. Date a \$1,000 late fee will be assessed to Location Sept. 1: Class A and Class B licenses, Master Class A and Class B licenses, and Manufacturer and Distributor licenses that have not RENEWED for the 2021 licensing period (07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021).

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- MEETINGS/OTHER -

Aug 26-28: Southern Amusement and Entertainment Expo Infinite Energy Center, Duluth, GA

Journal Opinion

AMOA effort: Legislation to education

By Lori Schneider AMOA Executive VP

AMOA continues to provide resources for its members and the industry as we navigate this new COVID-19 environment. Here is what we have been up to this past month.

Legislative work

AMOA continued its work with DC-based legislative firm Dentons LLP advocating strongly on our members' behalf asking Congress to revise the Payroll Protection Program initial loan guidance, specifically as it relates to loan forgiveness. AMOA was pleased to see the Payroll Protection Program Flexibility Act pass on June 4 and will continue to monitor guidance as it pertains to the revisions.

In addition, AMOA has been closely monitoring states

across the country that have been experiencing challenges with guidance as they begin to re-open restaurants and bars. Unfortunately, several states have prohibited play on amusement machines upon the reopening of restaurants and bars. However, on a positive note, operators are reporting encouraging results from other states that have re-opened and are allowing game play.

Safety program

AMOA continued to build upon its Safety Program announced last month. A white paper was recently authored to further address the safety of currency-activated machines to educate legislators and health officials on the business our members conduct and the safety of currency-activated

machines in the COVID-19 environment. While states have announced phased-in approaches for opening back up, the guidance for was coming from health department officials not familiar with our industry.

AMOA offers the purchase of safety



Lori Schneider



stickers

for machines on www.amoa.com, in addition to complimentary print-ready artwork for safety posters.

Education

AMOA continues offering timely webinars to address members' concerns during these uncertain times. Recent webinars included a Q & A Session on the PPP loan program and a roundtable where members shared what they have witnessed since re-opening.

While we continue to address the imme-

diate challenges facing the industry, we also continue to work on current and future programs, such as:

· AMOA is a founding member of the Consumer Choice in Payment Coalition. Last week, AMOA participated in a Zoom

meeting with Congressman Donald Payne (D-NJ 10th District). Congressman Payne is sponsor of the Payment of Choice Act of 2019, H.R. 2650. The bill makes it unlawful for a person to sell goods or services at retail to refuse to accept U.S. cash for good or services, to post signs or notices stating that cash payments are unaccepted and tp charge a higher price to a customer who pays cash. The bill currently has bi-partisan support with 41 co-sponsors.

 AMOA's On the Road Program - AMOA is currently evaluating whether to move forward with conducting an in-person event in

mid- to late-October or host a virtual event for 2020 ... stay tuned for details.

 Plans are under way for Amusement Expo International set for next March 16-18, 2021, in Las Vegas, so be sure to mark your calendars.

For more information on any of AMOA's programs and resources, be sure to visit www.amoa.com or email executive VP Lori Schneider at lori@amoa.com.

AMOA is a national trade association representing the interests of operators, distributors, manufacturers and suppliers in the amusement entertainment industry. GAMOA is an active participant in the AMOA State Council.

Show

from Page 4 ing time to its schedule.

Be a part of the Show

Suppliers, please visit www.gacs.com/events for booth contract information, to reserve your booth, or learn more about sponsorships at the Show.

advance. Here's the general schedule:

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tain times.

Tuesday, Nov. 17 All day - Exhibitor Set Up Evening – Bowling Blast (transportation provided from Macon Marriott)

and Tracks Noon-5 pm - Trade Show Floor Open 6 p.m. – Dinner and

GACS anticipates sponsorship opportunities and packages will sell out quickly, because space is limited. For information or to sign up, contact kevin@gacs.com or visit www.gacs.com/events.

Show attendance is free for retailers. There is a fee to attend meal functions and education sessions. Please visit www.gacs.com/events for more information and to register in

Wednesday, Nov. 18 8 a.m.-11:50 a.m. - Breakfast and Education Sessions

Speaker

Thursday, Nov. 18 8 a.m.-11:50 am - Breakfast, Legislative Panel, Awards, Education Tracks Noon- 4 p.m. - Trade Show Floor Open





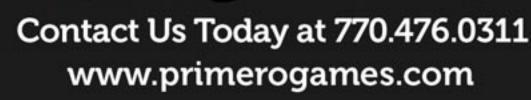
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"Documents" section of the COAM website at www.gacoam.com. The guide is designed to help those current Location License Holders, or those considering applying for a COAM location license, educate themselves on the laws, rules, regulations, and procedures of the COAM industry. Master License Holders are encouraged to distribute the Location License Holder Guide to their current customers and to those considering the COAM industry.

Other important dates to remember for the 2021 licensing year are:

Sept. 1, 2020 (Tuesday) Date a \$1,000 late fee will be assessed to Location Class A and Class B licenses, Master Class A and Class B licensees, and Manufacturer and Distributor licensees that have not renewed for the 2021 licensing period (07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021). An existing COAM licensee will not be allowed to apply for a new license to avoid payment of a late fee.

Nov. 30, 2020 (Monday) Last day to submit a renewal Location Class A and Class B license, Master Class A and Class B license and Manufacturer and Distributor license for the 2021 licensing period (07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021). If a holder of a 2020 COAM license fails to renew its license or its license application is not approved on or before this date, the person or entity will no longer be allowed to operate COAMs.

The COAM Division also reminded those preparing the license applications to take the time to review the company's business records and verify that COAM license renewal applications have been submitted for all of its clients or business locations that wish to continue operating COAMs.

Check these renewal tips

Following are some helpful hints developed by the Lottery's COAM Division for those renewing licenses to avoid delays in the processing of the application:

• Renew License Prior to Expiration Date -While the GLC sends courtesy reminders via email to current license holders, it is ultimately the sole responsibility of the licensee to ensure the renewal of their license by the expiration date. COAM Location licenses may be renewed beginning May 11, 2020 through Aug. 31, 2020, or be subject to a non-refundable late fee of \$1,000 beginning Sept. 1, 2020, and ending after Nov. 30, 2020. The late fee is a mandated statutory fee that cannot be waived by the GLC. Applicants can avoid any last minute problems with the online submission by submitting their application as soon as the licensing period opens for renewal. If a holder of a 2020 COAM license fails to renew its license or its license application is not approved on or before Nov. 30, 2020, the person or entity will no longer be allowed to operate COAMs.

• **Registration Information** – Licensees should ensure they have all registration information available prior to logging into the online licensing application including your www.gacoam.com username and password, State Tax Identification (STI) number, Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), method of payment information and any identification or citizenship information required to complete your application.

• Form of Identification – GLC requires a copy of one of the following forms of current and valid identification for ALL owners/officers/shareholder be uploaded to the online COAM application system along with any applicable lawful presence/immigration documents. Applicants MUST upload forms of identification to the COAM website at www.gacoam.com. The GLC will NOT accept forms of identification submitted by email. Failure to submit a valid form of identification for each owner/officer/shareholder may cause a delay in the processing of your COAM application. The steps to upload documents to the COAM website are:

1. Log in and go to the Account menu. Click Upload Documents and then Select a Business to proceed;

2. Click on the "Choose Files/Browse" button. Select the file you are uploading, and click on Open;

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• Payment of Taxes or other State Financial Obligations – Before applying for a COAM license verify you have no outstanding tax liabilities or obligations (i.e. missing tax returns). Contact the Department of Revenue (DOR) for the State of Georgia at (404) 417-4445 or go to www.gtc.dor.ga.gov to obtain a status on any outstanding corporation issues, tax liabilities or obligations, or update officers/owners.

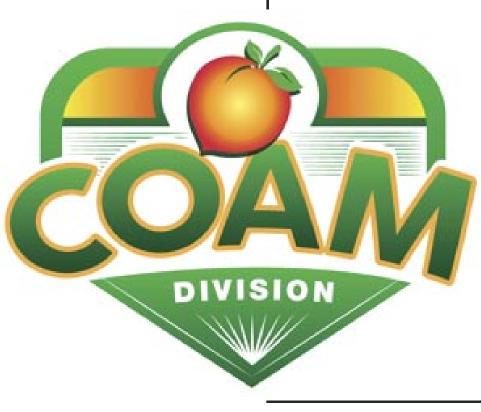
• Apply for the Correct License Type and License Class – Licensees need to make sure they are applying for the correct type of license (Master, Location, Manufacturer or Distributor) and the correct Class of license (Class A or Class B).

IMPORTANT: Location licensees in possession of both Class A and Class B COAMs in the same business location or anticipate having both Class A and Class B COAMs in the same business location anytime during the licensing year, must apply for a Class B type license. Also, if you are a Class A Location License Holder and you own your Class A COAMs, you MUST apply for both a Class A Master license and Class A Location license.

• Updating Officers/Owners/Shareholders – Applicants must ensure ALL officer/owner/shareholder information has been updated with the DOR and the Georgia Secretary of State (SOS) prior to submitting a COAM application. A "Personal Information" page must be completed for EACH officer/owner/shareholder when submitting a COAM application. Failure to provide true and correct officer/owner/shareholder information on the COAM application, with the DOR, and with the SOS may delay the processing of your COAM application.

• Providing True and Correct Information on Application – Applicants are required to provide the GLC with true and correct information on their COAM application. This includes ensuring all address information, owner information and contact information for the owner(s) of record are accurate and all documents have been submitted. Applicants should not provide their accountants' or bookkeepers' information as owner information. Accountants and bookkeepers may be listed in the "Business Contacts" section of the online application. GLC must be able to contact the owner(s) directly for any application inquiries, and operational or COAM connectivity issues.

• **Requests for Information** – Respond to information requests from the RCA and Legal Departments promptly. Failure to respond to any



information request may result in the denial of your COAM application. Due to the recent COVID-19 public health emergency, the GLC COAM Division is currently NOT accepting visitors at the Atlanta Headquarters Office located at 250 Williams Street in Atlanta. As a result, the GLC COAM Division will NOT be able to schedule appointments for applicants picking up licenses or the dropping off of any requested information.

Following the recommendations mentioned above will ensure the timely and complete evaluation of your application. Failure to provide updated information may result in the denial of your application. If you encounter any problems with the COAM License website (www.gacoam.com) or have any questions, please contact the COAM Retailer Services Helpline at 1(800) 746-8546 Option 6 and 2.



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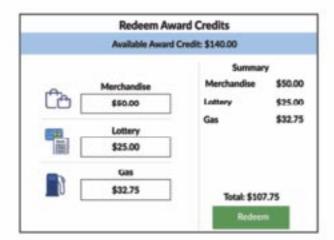
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contribute where we can."

Noshad Meherally, director of operations for Highness Amusement, agreed.

"It's something we can do for people who need help," he said.

The pandemic has exasperated the hunger problem in Atlanta, the two said.

"There is a lot of people hurting right now," Meherally said. "People are out of jobs. Others are living paycheck to paycheck. They don't have enough to eat."

The Kurji Foundation made the donation with state Attorney General Chris Carr in attendance. Carr's office posted a photo and acknowledged Kurji, Premji, and the Foundation on Instagram.

"Thank you so very much for your continued support of your fellow Georgians," the attorney general said in the Instagram post.

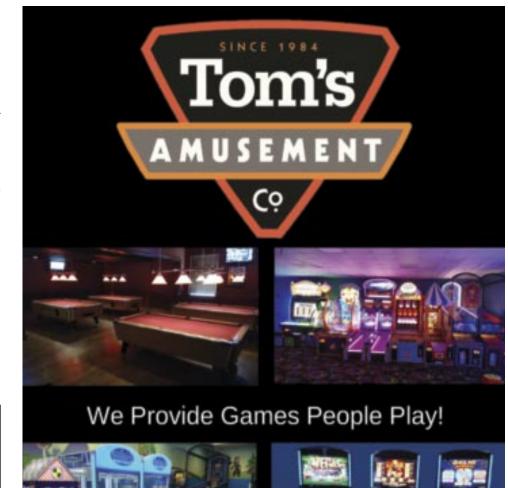
Meherally said he hoped the Foundation's "community involvement" will prompt others to give, as well.

"There is a lot of need," he said, "to put food on the table."

Premji added her company, as an established business in Georgia, is compelled to contribute.

"We do business in Georgia," she said, "We want to give back to Georgians."







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