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Director Hammer has been with the Pokagon Band Gaming Commission for 16 years and has held different positions within the organization during that time. Director Hammer started as a Gaming Inspector Trainee, Gaming Inspector, and quickly was promoted to an Information Technology Gaming Inspector, he later became a Senior Gaming Inspector, then Interim Director of Compliance and Enforcement and finally was promoted and official appointed to the Director of Compliance and Enforcement. Director Hammer has been the PBGC Director of Compliance and Enforcement since 2017.

I helped with the opening of Hartford, Dowagiac, and the South Bend properties. I assisted the Pokagon Band's efforts in becoming Self-Regulated by the NIGC. I also took the lead on working to become a GAT Jurisdiction. I have been working with Class II gaming since 2009. I also helped with the development of iGaming, Sports Wagering, and Studio Gaming regulations and field oversight. I helped with the development of the Gaming Technology Unit.

I have presented at several national industry conferences and has published industry articles in both Indian Gaming Magazine and TribalHub Magazine. I have also presented in virtual webinars for the NIGC focusing on EPHS, and with BMM/RG24seven on Responsible Gaming. I was able to sit down with GLI at the Roundtable conference and provide an exclusive interview.

I have an Associate of Science in Biology from Kalamazoo Valley Community College. A Bachelor of Science in Student Integrated Curriculum with a concentration in Behavioral Sciences from Western Michigan University. I also have a Master of Public Health from Western Michigan University.

