



# the WLG MINUTE

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You have been designated by your employer to receive these pertinent updates as part of the IGA's Women Leaders in Gaming Initiative. We hope you enjoy this insight and engage in further dialogue with colleagues to enhance your career in this industry!

## GREAT WLG SUMMIT LAST WEEK!

Check out pictures from the event on the following page. Lots of inspiring takeaways were shared with the attendees to initiate upon return to their properties.

## VOICES AROUND IOWA

Two valuable resources for women in business are The Business Record's Lift IOWA publication ([sign up here](#)) and the [IWLC's blog](#). We strongly encourage you to sign up to receive these outstanding email publications. Here's some news from around Iowa:

- **Daly Named to Lead Corridor Joint Venture** ... [Corridor Business Journal](#)
- **Opinion: The Pilates of Professional Development** by Brienne Sanchez | Community Relations Manager, Des Moines University ... [Lift IOWA](#)
- **Opinion: Three Tips for Leading in High-Pressure Situations** by Juli Inkster | 2017 Solheim Cup Team USA Captain ... [Lift IOWA](#)
- **Moms Are the Best Students: 5 Tips for Going Back to School** by Niki Smith | Digital Media Strategist at Drake University ... [Des Moines Moms Blog](#)
- **Female Senators Will Be Included in Health Group** ... [Sioux City Journal](#)

## IN THE NEWS

- **Does a Woman's High-Status Career Hurt Her Marriage? Not If Her Husband Does the Laundry ...** [Harvard Business Review](#)
- **Meet The 60 Richest, Most Successful Self-Made Women In America ...** [Forbes](#)
- **If You Want to Be Happy at Work, Have a Life Outside of It ...** [Harvard Business Review](#)
- **How to React to Biased Comments at Work ...** [Harvard Business Review](#)
- **Give Me A Break: Why Employees and Companies Should Prioritize Vacation ...** [Inc.](#)

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**Global Gaming Women Accepting Scholarship Applications for Midwest Front Line Leaders Conference**

**July 10 - 11, 2017**

**Belterra Casino Resort | Florence, Indiana**

This 1.5-day conference is for women with at least one year experience in the gaming industry who want to broaden their leadership skills. Topics include the importance of providing constructive feedback and positive recognition. Participants will also participate in an exclusive mentoring event with a female gaming leader. **To be considered, the completed application must be received no later than May 31. [Apply here.](#)**

# 2016 WLG SUMMIT

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## Mary Ellen Chamberlin Awarded 2017 Founders Award

The annual Women Leaders in Gaming Founders Award recognizes a deserving woman who has demonstrated a strong, dedicated commitment and has made a significant impact working within Iowa's gaming industry.

Mary Ellen Chamberlin was a significant force in the very beginning of getting legislation approved to allow riverboat gambling. She then secured enough signatures to pass the county referendum vote to open one of the first riverboat casinos in the country, and became the first executive director of a nonprofit license holder. Her work has made lasting, positive community impacts and played a major role in awarding hundreds of grants over two decades.



**ABOVE:** Eight casino employees did a great job facilitating four breakout sessions utilizing the "Power Of" theme: Coaching, Effective Feedback, Personal Awareness and Addressing Emotional Stages of Change. From left: Rene Stolsmark, Keri Hubers, Ronda Stout, Christine Henry, Troy Kruse and Dawn Brandt. Not pictured: Sondra Rivera and Polly Loneman.



**ABOVE:** Nancy Ballenger, WLG Summit Chair, was the MC of the day's events.



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**ABOVE:** Tara Powers, CEO of Powers Resource Center, provided the keynote message on The Power of Emotional Intelligence and created the four breakout session topics.