



# A.C.G.M.

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Bingo Chairman and Officers,

It is that time of the year. Your ACGM board members have been working around the clock tying things together to have another great convention.

This year we will be celebrating the Association 31<sup>st</sup> year working with the Missouri Gaming Commission and the State Legislators on your bingo's behalf.

We are inviting you to come and participate in this year's convention to see and hear what is going on.

Here are a few things the board has accomplished over the past 30 years:

1. Worked towards allowing advertising for your bingo, outside of your bingo hall.
2. Acquired a ruling that River boats could not have bingo.
3. Pursued legislation so you can have two bingos a week.
4. Got approval that allowed bingo halls to have more than one bingo on their premises.
5. Succeeded in keeping Indian Gaming out of Missouri.
6. Worked to get the number of Pull Tabs per box increased, per member's requests.
7. A bingo person may transfer from one VFW Hall to another VFW Hall and start working bingo without going through the 6-month waiting period. Providing there is no gap/lapse in membership.
8. In 2018, Amendment #4 was passed where a person did not have to wait two years to work at your bingo. The Rule was changed by the State of Missouri voters. Now a person must be a member of your organization for only 6 months, before they can start working at your bingo.
9. For the past two (2) years, your board has been trying to get illegal slot machines removed from businesses. Our legislators are moving forward to make them legal with House Bill 970, Video Lottery terminals. Part of this is due to the campaign funds they have received from the companies which have the machines out there.
10. At the present time, House Bill 48 is in the House of Representative waiting for a full floor vote. Several of the board members are working and testifying to get the taxes removed from the purchase of paper products.
  - Representative Mike McGirl is sponsoring House Bill 48 for us. Removing taxes on the sale of Bingo cards/paper.

There are a few more items that could be added to the list.

The board would like to hear what you would like to work towards getting, during the next year. Please come and tell us what would benefit your organization's bottom line.

Lynn Ash  
President