



Welcome to GSA's new website. One year ago we set ourselves the goal to better communicate by creating more transparency and predictability for the standards we create whilst at the same time to communicate and educate all stakeholders on the creation, governance and policies for standards development and maintenance. We have completely re-built our website to achieve that. Our Executive Director, Michelle Olesiejuk, took this task to heart. We welcome your input and comments to help us to continue to improve our communication to the industry at large.

2018 is GSA's 20th anniversary. As we reflect back since the creation of our first standard – the Light Tower standard in 2005, GSA has created an environment that leads to a unique bonding experience between all ranks within the industry, from engineers focusing on finding solutions and forgetting the company they work for, to operators talking to their suppliers after meetings, to suppliers building more bridges with new member companies. GSA has become the glue reducing barriers to getting problems solved.

2018 promises to be an exciting year. GSA has launched the new Block Chain Committee (BCC) and is planning a GSA Technical Summit – Focus Blockchain. This educational event will take place on Nov 8 and Nov 9 in Reno, NV. We have a decidedly knowledgeable slate of individuals from around the world to share their progress, expertise and advice with respects to regulation, technology and operations. Speakers will explain how they are using blockchain, why it was the best technology to use, the challenges encountered, successes achieved, using real world examples of uses in the non-gaming industry as well as in the gaming industry. There will be more information on this summit soon.

With the support of Tom Borman, Affinity Gaming, we have put together a number of informal meetings that are attracting a growing number of operators. GSA used these opportunities to educate operators on who we are, what we have achieved and the benefits of the standards. GSA continues to promote the benefits of collaboration to enable the creation of standards that drive innovation forward. We invite all operators to join us.

GSA Europe, under the leadership of Mark Pace, GSA Europe's MD based in Malta, has been successfully working closely together with European Regulators on the new CEN TC456 initiative - Reporting in support of Online Gambling Supervision. CEN has recognized GSA as a Liaison Organization. We are now contributing to TC456 the work GSA Europe has done on the Regulatory Reporting Standard (RRI) and its supporting data dictionary the Reporting Data Set Standard. We invite our members (and potential members!) to participate in the GSA Europe in this exciting initiative.

Finally, we've taken a good look at GSA's wealth of standards and education materials. GSA will soon launch the GSA Education Series, a library of books that are available to anyone. The first book is called 'Unleash The Power of Your Floor – The Value G2S Delivers to an Operator.' This book clearly articulates the benefits of G2S, floor transition scenarios, a high level description of all the available classes, a functional comparison SAS to G2S and an overview of the suite of standards that GSA has created and is managing. GSA's Protocol Director, Ethan Tower and our Documentation Manager, Oscar Salgado, are currently working on the second book of our GSA Education Series for online standards called "TPI – the Third Party Interface Standard."

Again, 2018 promises to be a banner year for the Gaming Standards Association. We invite you to explore our new website, and join us!