



**Pennsylvania  
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**WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE  
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS**

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Frank A. Martens, Jr. Esq.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: N/A

Employer: Self

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

The comments set forth in my attached correspondence dated May 12, 2006 are incorporated herein by reference as my statement on this matter.

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I, Frank A. Martens, Esq. verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Frank A. Martens

FRANK A. MARTENS, ESQ.  
Attorney At Law  
Member of the Florida & Pennsylvania Bars

Telecom:

May 12, 2006

Mr. Michael P. Edmiston, Esq.  
Director of Hearings and Appeals  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
P.O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Re: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Public Input Hearing and  
License Application of Mount Airy #1 LLC.

Dear Mr. Edmiston,

Thank you for your correspondence of April 13<sup>th</sup> inviting me to comment at the recently held public input hearing. I regret scheduling did not allow for my personal appearance, but ask this correspondence, encouraging issuance of a gaming license to Mount Airy #1 LLC, become part of the public record.

My roots and family are in Pennsylvania. I was born and raised in the Poconos and grew up less than a mile from the Mount Airy site. I spent the majority of my adult life as a practicing attorney in Monroe, Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. More specifically, my legal career changed when I accepted a position as counsel to my family's former business, Mount Airy Lodge, Inc., previous owner of the resort. I presently live in Florida.

John and Suzanne Martens founded the original Mount Airy Lodge in 1936 and their heirs owned and operated the business into the 1990's. Having been born and raised in the Pocono resort business, I hope my experience and following comments represent a unique, insightful perspective of the Pocono resort industry and how its first gaming license can most effectively benefit the community.

The Poconos have experienced significant changes to its image and identity throughout the years. In the earlier part of the last century, the Poconos enjoyed prosperity as a country destination spot where people from the cities went on extended vacations. Before the interstate highway system, it would take a matter of hours to get from New York City to Mount Pocono. The typical length of a customer's vacation stay was often measured in weeks and sometimes months.

Throughout the 60's, the Pocono resort industry gained momentum as improvements to highways and transportation facilitated access to the mountains. This led to inevitable changes in marketing strategies employed by various resort owners, some of whom continued their business identities as country resorts. Other resort owners introduced "heart-shaped" and "champagne glass" bath tubs promoting honeymoon tourism. Still others introduced a vague new concept to the industry known as 'timesharing'.

The result of these efforts sparked a growing desire by the public to purchase a vacation home instead of staying at a resort. Fewer customers began frequenting resorts for shorter stays. Developers capitalized on a building boom and the population swelled. When these purchasers discovered the cost of living was cheaper than in the cities, the Poconos were treated to something new. The commuter.

Fuel then was dramatically cheaper and the Poconos became a bedroom community. Thus, most people commuting from the Poconos can trace their residency to the resort community and real estate development spawned.

As more people relocated, school districts were burdened with additional students and a need for larger facilities. The revenues to achieve this were derived from taxes on real estate. The resort industry was particularly hard since large tracts of land are inherent to the business. Meanwhile, nothing was achieved to secure taxable income from commuting residents to offset the growing public cost. School districts raised mileages, forcing resort customers lived in their "vacation" homes, business slowly dried up and several resorts shut down.

It is perfectly understandable why commuters relocated members of their extended families to the Poconos where more children could occupy a single dwelling and a family could reduce its cost of education. Yet, hospitals, law enforcement, emergency response and other public services also felt the burden.

Now that the legislature has legalized gaming, the Pocono resort industry, more than ever, is poised to resurrect, maintain and expand the business it had lost. A strong recovery and continued growth of Pocono tourism is vital to economic strength and stability in the region.

There recently have been some encouraging developments in the local resort industry with the construction of Great Wolf Lodge and the acquisition of Camelback ski area. However, the Poconos desperately needs to build an 'image' based on a clear identity as a desirable choice for a vacationing public with higher expendable income. The image is equally dependent on attracting a labor force capable of providing the required services. It must also compliment the nature of the community and emphasize a higher quality of life with superior goods and services. I strongly caution against pursuing trends, particularly in the casino business which nurtures the concept of "bigger meaning better". I am living witness to circumstances and life events conclusively proving the concept unsound. I respectfully emphasize that "quality", not quantity, must emerge as the overall premise guiding this historical renaissance.

As to labor, "employability", not "job security" must be the concept encouraging development of a more highly skilled labor force. People need to know they can be trained, suitably paid, enjoy a higher quality of life and advance themselves personally, professionally and academically. Demands for higher quality and lower cost are nothing new, but no business or community can be competitive without a skilled work force. Simply building more hotel rooms and hiring migrant chamber maids is not a viable strategy to achieve this goal. The strategy must be designed to advance small business and the working middle class. A gaming license will generate revenue, but a community unified in purpose for advancing tourism will build a future.

Gaming provides a new and historic opportunity to concretely establish the resort industry as a primary and integral part of a stable local economy. Moreover, the close proximity of large cities and major hubs of transportation will allow the Poconos to seriously compete for national and international tourist trade. Properly designed and implemented, the strategy for gaming as an attraction must solidify an image of the Poconos capable of sustaining constant economic growth for generations. Conversely, a strategy flawed in design or inception will irreparably deprive the area from establishing itself as a quality destination. Ultimately, the final decision must rest on which proposal is more beneficial to the Poconos.

Though I am not completely versed in the details of each project, my following commentary is based solely upon my understanding of the issues as derived from the media and discussing this topic with family and other local residents.

The plan submitted by Pocono Manor Investors, Inc. advertises a billion dollar investment in an 800 room project contained in a thirty (30) story tower with grandiose plans for restaurants, retail shops and various other amenities. Admittedly, I have not seen the actual plans, but the artist rendition in the Pocono Record clearly portrayed a gigantic facility reflecting a design mentality reminiscent of Atlantic City and Las Vegas. Moreover, growing public concern and opposition is surfacing and gaining momentum. Many residents are worried about the proposed size of the facility and are disillusioned why the township 'expedited' a zoning change catering to the developer's request. It is my opinion the sheer magnitude of that casino project is undesirable, particularly when

combined with growing public resentment. It does not compliment local small business nor bestow any long term collateral benefit to Pocono tourism.

The inherent nature of the complex promotes only goods and services offered by the hotel and casino. One might reasonably infer its size will deprive small businesses of customers they might otherwise attract. Will outlet stores and restaurants benefit when the casino owners are trying to fill 800 rooms? Additionally, will the hundreds of video slot and poker players look to spend money at a local restaurant when they can use their free meal coupon at the hotel buffet? I know something about having to fill 800 rooms in the off season when visiting the Poconos is the last thing on anyone's list. With or without a casino, an empty room costs money and a responsible hotel operator will go to any length to fill the vacancy. If that becomes reality, the country inn, local restaurants and retailers will lose business.

Conversely, the plan submitted by Mount Airy #1 LLC portrays a design smaller in scale, classic and dignified in approach and intelligently suited to promote Pocono tourism. Such a plan is more desirable because it is large enough to accommodate the volume of traffic generated from gaming, yet small enough to encourage patronizing local businesses and attractions. Similarly, this plan leaves more room for the Poconos to evolve in connection with a new, responsibly planned gaming facility from which tourism can be nourished. The design proposed by Mount Airy #1 LLC reflects dignity, charm and elegance. It is conducive to long term, stable growth reinforcing the premise that a community cannot solely depend on a single business enterprise to define its future. Rather, it must be a combined effort to develop and prosper together.

During my years in Pennsylvania, I grew to respect and admire the dedication to achievement and a commitment to excellence exhibited by the DeNaples family. I have never known any of their business enterprises to be conducted with anything less than a total commitment to meet or exceed the highest standards of industry. Throughout the lengthy process of acquiring my family's former property and submitting plans for its future development, the DeNaples family, their employees and representatives have encouraged bonds of cooperation with Paradise Township. More importantly however, they have clearly exceeded the expectations of many with their genuine respect for township residents and sincere desire to be a conscientious neighbor. For these reasons, I am certain a gaming license to Mount Airy #1 LLC will result in nothing less than development of a first-rate gaming resort, positively impacting the community and reviving the Poconos as a quality destination. The renaissance in the Poconos is long overdue and awarding Monroe County's first gaming license to Mount Airy #1 LLC is the right choice.

In closing, I emphasize that the licensee will exercise tremendous influence redefining the Pocono's and significantly impact the area's future for a very long time. Quoting Sir Winston Churchill:

"It is well said, there is nothing wrong with change if it is in the right direction".

Keeping this in mind, I respectfully urge you approve the application of Mount Airy #1 LLC and grant my request for gaming license. Thank you for allowing my comment on this matter.

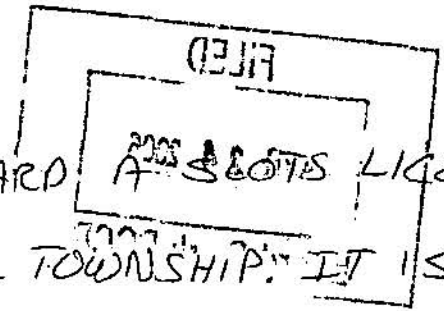
Respectfully submitted



Frank A. Martens, Esquire  
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4-17-06

GAMING CONTROL BOARD,



PLEASE DO NOT AWARD A SLOTS LICENCE  
MOUNT AIRY LODGE IN PARADISE TOWNSHIP. IT IS ONLY  
1/4 MILE FROM THE SWIFTWATER CAMPU. I AM VERY  
CONCERNED ABOUT OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN BEING  
EXPOSED TO ALL THE CRIME, DRUGS YOU MAKE IT,  
THAT COMES WITH CASINO'S. THE TAX PAYER'S HAVE  
SPENT MILLION'S ON THIS SCHOOL, IT IS WITH IN  
WALKING DISTANCE, AND WOULD BE SHARING THE ROAD  
TO MOUNT AIRY! I KNOW THERE ARE NO ZONING  
RESTRICTIONS ON THESE LICENCE'S, BUT LETS USE  
SOME COMMON SENSE! IS OUR CHILDREN, LESS  
IMPORTANT THAN SOMEONE FROM SCRANTON WHO DON  
CARES ABOUT MONEY? I HAVE HEARD HE IS ALSO  
A SHADEY CHARACTER, WHO HAS POLITICAL CONNECTION  
I HOPE ITS NOT THE OLD 'MONEY TALKS AND ... WA  
I HAVE PAID VERY HIGH SCHOOL TAXES. I AM A WIDOW  
WHO LIVES ON SS SO THIS IS A HARDSHIP. WE DO  
NOT HAVE THE POLICE, FIRE, OR ACCESS ROADS FOR  
A CASINO, BETTER IT BE KLOSER TO ROUTE 80, 38  
OR 940; STILL ~~ARE~~ <sup>OUR</sup> ONLY POLICE ARE THE STATE  
POLICE, THEY ~~ARE~~ <sup>ARE</sup> VERY UNDER STAFFED! PLEASE





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Name: Sr. Mary Alice Kane, I.H.M.

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any: n/a

Employer: Diocese of Scranton

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

To whom it may concern:

My name is Sister Mary Alice Kane, I.H.M.. I am writing this information in lieu of speaking at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Public Input Hearings on Thursday, April 27, 2006. I am writing on behalf of Mr. Louis De Naples.

I have known Mr. De Naples for many years. His children were students at Nativity of Our Lord School in Scranton, PA, where I served as Principal. Mr. De Naples is a man of strong character. He was very active in every aspect of his children's lives. He was devoted to his wife and children. He and his wife volunteered at school and attended parent-teacher meetings on a regular basis. Mr. De Naples is a man of great faith. He attends daily Mass and is a great role model. I can only testify on his personal character. Therefore, I can attest to the fact that Mr. De Naples is a man of strong moral character and possesses great values.

Sister Mary Alice Kane, I.H.M.



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Name: Andrew Foote

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Stardustmoor Country Fun

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)



# Stroudsmoor COUNTRY INN

April 24, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
P O Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear PGCB Members:

In lieu of oral testimony, I submit this letter on behalf of Mr. Louis DeNaples and his Mt. Airy #1 LLC Category 2 application.

Mr. DeNaples is a long time native of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He has an extensive history of successful business ventures in our area. He has shared his success with the greater community by supporting many community based not for profit organizations through volunteerism and donating financial resources.

With respect to the Mt. Airy location, it has superior access given its proximity to Interstate 80 and PA Route 611. By awarding a Category 2 license to Mr. DeNaples, the PGCB will allow him to continue converting this previously blighted property into the new "Crowned Jewel" of the Poconos. This new facility will act as a magnet for additional visitors and benefit the entire Pocono Tourism Industry.

I encourage you to look favorably on the Mt. Airy #1 LLC application.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Forte  
President



Pennsylvania  
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Name: GREG STANSESKI

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: N/A

Employer: N/A

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

I SUPPORT THE MOUNTAIN CASINO PROPOSAL  
I ALSO SUPPORT THE MOHEGAN SUN CASINO PROPOSAL  
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THEM BOTH!!!

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I, GREG STANSESKI verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Greg Stanseski

**Bruce Conrad**

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
Harrisburg, PA

RE: Comment on Casino Applications

Dear Commissioners

I am writing this letter to add my comments on the applications before you. I do not know most of the applicants except by remote reputation. The one applicant I have come to know from his public life in this area is Louis DeNaples. I address my comments to Mr. DeNaples application.

Mr. DeNaples is known to me as he is to most who have served in public positions in this area as one of the quiet forces of progress and philanthropy in this community. He is the type of man who makes the difference between a community thriving or just getting along. It seems odd to describe someone as powerful and well-to-do as Mr. DeNaples as a quiet force but that is exactly what he is. I am aware of dozens of projects which would not have occurred or would have never been completed except for his anonymous (quiet) philanthropy.

Many are aware that banks now are forced to demonstrate that they reinvest in the local communities from which they receive their deposits. That program is called the Community Reinvestment Act. The bank Mr. DeNaples is associated with has always done so and it didn't take a federal law for them to see it as good business to reinvest in the local community. Mr. DeNaples quiet persuasion and commitment to the local community is also evident in the actions of his bank.

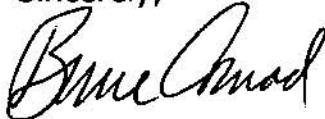
The gaming process has attracted many out-of-state interests who see a great opportunity to make money in Pennsylvania. Clearly, if those out-of-state interests offer the best proposals, they should be chosen. But I cannot help but notice that the same qualities which have governed Mr. DeNaples' entire life have been evident in how he has worked with the potential host community in this application. He has the local community working with him precisely because he works with them. He has not proposed a project which, while it might sound impressive, is probably too large to be economic and is opposed as is the proposed project at Pocono Manor. Those who have seen hotels larger than 250 rooms close and remain derelict in the local community would naturally question what is proposed at Pocono Manor. A

gigantic, spectacular failure is in no one's interest. Mr. DeNaples proposes 200 rooms and we see hotels of that size such as Skytop thriving, while the larger ones have most often failed.

Louis DeNaples was quietly helping to build and complete important public projects all over this region for years before this project could ever have been contemplated. His lifetime of responsible personal and business leadership in Northeastern Pennsylvania should be weighed very heavily in the Gaming Control Board's decision-making process.

I believe that Mr. DeNaples should be awarded one of the licenses. His proposal is appropriate and responsible and he has demonstrated his commitment to this community over his entire lifetime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Conrad". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bruce Conrad

**PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING INPUT  
APRIL 27, 2006  
SPLIT ROCK LODGE  
LAKE HARMONY, PENNSYLVANIA**

TESTIMONY OF JOHN T. FLANAGAN (RESUME ATTACHED),  
REPRESENTING THE SCRANTON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION  
TRADES COUNCIL (SBTC)

GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
ADDRESS THE GAMING BOARD.

MY NAME IS JOHN T. FLANAGAN, AND I PRESENTLY SERVE AS  
THE BUSINESS MANAGER AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOR THE  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL  
UNION #81 (IBEW 81), WHICH IS BASED IN SCRANTON, PA. LOCAL #81  
HAS JURISDICTION OVER ALL OR PART OF EIGHT COUNTIES IN  
NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. THE AREA OF MONROE COUNTY,  
WHERE THE TWO APPLICATIONS FOR THE CASINO LICENSE ARE  
BEING REQUESTED, IS IN THE JURISDICTION COVERED BY IBEW  
LOCAL #81.

HOWEVER, I AM HERE TODAY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE



SCRANTON BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL, OF WHICH IBEW 81 IS AN AFFILIATE.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE GAMING BOARD IN REGARDS TO THE NEED FOR A CASINO PROJECT AND LICENSE BEING GRANTED TO THE POCONO AREA.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK FIRST TO THE DIFFICULTY THAT MANY BUILDING TRADESMEN IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. WE HAVE SEEN PROTRACTED UNEMPLOYMENT UNLIKE ANY TIME I CAN REMEMBER IN MY 38+ YEARS AS A TRADESMAN.

OUR AREA BUILDING TRADESMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED LOSS OF NOT ONLY WAGES, BUT ALSO BENEFITS SUCH AS HEALTH CARE AND PENSION CREDITS. MANY TRADESMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED GRAVE FINANCIAL SITUATIONS, SUCH AS LOSING HOMES OR REMOVING THEIR CHILDREN FROM COLLEGES. MANY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SEEK OTHER TEMPORARY POSITIONS AT MUCH LOWER PAY, AND IN MOST CASES WITH VERY LIMITED OR NO FRINGE BENEFITS. ALL OF THIS IS THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE JOBS THAT THEY'VE BEEN TRAINED

FOR HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE. THE EROSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL BASE IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA HAS BEEN SEVERE, NOT ONLY FOR TRADESMEN, BUT TO EVERYONE ASSOCIATED TO THEIR EXISTENCE.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT BUILDING TRADESMEN IN OUR AREA GO THROUGH A RIGID FOUR TO FIVE YEAR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP, DEPENDING UPON THE TRADE. EACH AFFILIATE AND ITS PARTNERED BUSINESS ASSOCIATION EXPENDS A GREAT DEAL OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY MONEY ON TRAINING PROGRAMS REGISTERED WITH THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ENSURE THAT AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SKILLED LABOR WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR AREA. AGAIN, I WOULD POINT OUT.....THIS IS PRIVATE INDUSTRY MONEY AND NOT TAXPAYER OR GOVERNMENT GRANT MONEY.

THE TRAINING GOES BEYOND CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AND EDUCATION. IT EXTENDS INTO ONGOING JOURNEYMAN TRAINING, SUCH AS OSHA 10 HOUR AND 30 HOUR SAFETY CERTIFICATIONS, NFPA 70E CERTIFICATIONS, SCAFFOLD AND LIFT CERTIFICATIONS, AND ANY OTHER TRAINING REQUIRED TO

PRODUCE A SAFER WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

AREA TRADESMEN DESERVE TO MAKE A FAIR WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE SKILLS THEY PROVIDE, BUT WE NEED TO HAVE PROJECTS TO WORK ON.

THE GAMING BOARD HAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A PROJECT THAT WILL EASE THE LOST MANUFACTURING JOBS. A PROJECT THAT WILL CREATE MANY CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT FACILITY JOBS. A PROJECT THAT WILL CREATE MANY OTHER PROJECTS, SUCH AS HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, AND OTHER SPIN OFF FACILITIES, BOTH RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL.

WE DESPERATELY NEED WORK OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, AND WE'RE COUNTING ON YOUR EXPERTISE AND WISDOM TO PROVIDE THEM.

THE POCONO AREA, GIVEN ITS HISTORY AND PROXIMITY TO A VERY LARGE POPULATION IS A PERFECT FIT FOR A CASINO FACILITY.

ON A FINAL NOTE, LET ME JUST SAY THAT WHILE I DO NOT KNOW THE POCONO MANOR DEVELOPER, AND I'M SURE THEY ARE A VERY REPUTABLE FIRM, I CAN TELL YOU THAT I HAVE WORKED WITH MR. DENAPLES ON MANY PROJECTS IN OUR AREA. HE HAS

ALWAYS WORKED FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES,  
CITIZENS, AND TRADESMEN THROUGHOUT NORTHEASTERN  
PENNSYLVANIA.

MR. DENAPLES HAS PUT TOGETHER A VERY REPUTABLE LOCAL  
ARCHITECTURAL FIRM, A VERY RESPONSIBLE LOCAL ENGINEERING  
FIRM, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, HE WILL DELIVER A TOP QUALITY  
FACILITY THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF, AND THAT WILL PROVIDE  
GOOD JOBS FOR MANY PEOPLE IN OUR AREA. AGAIN, WE NEED  
YOUR SUPPORT TO HELP BUILD THE ECONOMY OF OUR AREA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

## **John T. Flanagan**

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### **WORK HISTORY**

1973 - 1991 - Worked for various contractors as a Journeyman Electrician and Foreman.

1977 - 1991 - Instructor, Scranton Electricians Joint Apprenticeship & Training Program.

June 1985-1991 - Elected Vice President of Local #81, I.B.E.W.

June 1991 - Elected Business Manager & Financial Secretary of Local #81, I.B.E.W.

June 1994 - Reelected Business Manager & Financial Secretary of Local #81, I.B.E.W.

June 1997 - Reelected Business Manager & Financial Secretary of Local #81, I.B.E.W.

June 2000 - Reelected Business Manager & Financial Secretary of Local #81, I.B.E.W.

June 2003 - Relected Business Manager & Financial Secretary of Local #81, I.B.E.W.

1996 - 2002 - Served as President of the Scranton Building & Construction Trades Council.

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### **EDUCATION**

June 1996 - Graduated from South Scranton Central Catholic High School.

January 1973 - Graduated from Scranton Electricians Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee Program.

May 22, 1992 - Negotiating Strategies Seminar - Cornell University - The seminar was based on the Harvard Negotiation Project and Win-Win Contract Bargaining Techniques and was presented by Bernard Flaherty.

August 14, 1993 - Basic Instructor Course in Construction and Health Safety at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. National OSHA Certification to teach 10 Hour and 30 Hour OSHA Classes.

May 12, 1994 - Completed Course in OSHA Standard Confined Spaces.

August 1996 - Graduated from the National Training Institute at the University of Tennessee.

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### **AWARDS**

1997 - Mary Benjamin Award - Given by the Scranton Chapter of the American Red Cross for Volunteer Work.

2000 - William E. Cockerill, Sr., Memorial Award - Given by the United Way of Lackawanna County for Volunteer Work.

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## BOARDS & AFFILIATIONS

Board Member - IBEW/NECA National Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee. Representative for Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Chairman - IBEW/NECA Local #81 Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee. 1991 to Present.

Chairman - Local #81, IBEW, Annuity Fund. 1991 to Present.

Trustee - Local #81, IBEW, Health and Welfare Fund. 1991 to Present.

Board Chairman - Lackawanna County Industrial Development Authority. 1994 to Present.

Trustee - Lackawanna Industrial Fund Enterprises (LIFE). 1999 to Present

Board Member - Scranton Chamber of Commerce. 1994 to Present.  
Executive Committee - 1996 to Present.

Board Member - Scranton Chapter, American Red Cross. 1994 to Present. Served on the Executive Committee and was elected to Chairman of the Board of Directors, June 1998 to June 2000.

Board Member - Ben Franklin Institute (N. E. Advisory). 1994 to 2003.

Board Member - City of Scranton Electrical Licensing Board. 1993 to 2004.

Board Member - Scranton Cultural Center. Fund Raising and Facility Committees.

Board Member - Friendship House - 1998 to Present. Member of the Executive Finance Committee - 2002  
Vice Chairman - 2002 to Present.

N.T.I. Advisory Committee - National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, National Training Institute - University of Tennessee - 2005 to Present.

Member - International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

Advisory Board - Lackawanna County Vo-Tech Advisory Committee.

Advisory Board - Delaware Valley High School Electrical Advisory Committee.

Member - Dalton Borough Planning Commission. 1992 to 2002.

Chairman - Dalton Borough Vacancy Board.

Secretary-Treasurer - Dalton Sewer Authority. 1983 to 1991.

Division Leader - United Way Campaign 2001.

Past Board Member - Scranton Lackawanna Labor-Management.

Past Board & Executive Committee Member - Metro-Action.



Past Board Member - Scranton Tomorrow, a community based organization to establish and promote the City of Scranton. Served as a Charter Board Member and served on the Executive and Finance Committees, as well as served as Co-chairman of the "Economy and Jobs Visioning Process," which resulted in a visioning strategy for the City of Scranton.

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I, Carol Hillestad verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Carol Hillestad 4-27-06

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Name: Carol Hillestad  
Address:  
Telephone:  
Organization: n/a  
Employer: self-employed

**COMMENTS:**

The developer of Mount Airy has proved their commitment to work with and cooperate with the people and the Township of Paradise – meeting zoning, environmental and other regulations. By working within the Township’s zoning laws, and in fact, being the first to use the Township’s new, more environmentally-friendly sub-division design, Mount Airy “put its money where its mouth is” when it comes to being a good neighbor.

Aesthetically, the main lodge that Mount Airy proposes draws on the history and charm of the many old hotels that first brought tourists to the Poconos. The developer is preserving half of the resort’s land as open space, opening it to the public, and working on trails to connect with other natural areas in Paradise and adjoining municipalities.

On the other hand, Pocono Manor has taken advantage of a small community, riding roughshod over rules that had long been in place – and which the developers knew were in place before making their plans – and insisting on zoning changes so they could meet their goals. The changes are not minor: the planned height alone of the building will make it stick out, way above the treeline, visible for miles. This may be good for the developer, but not for the rest of us who value our area’s rural character for its attraction to tourists and as a place to live and work. The glass-and-palm-tree look may suit a desert resort, but is an eyesore in the mixed hardwood forest of the Pocono Plateau.

Further, Pocono Manor’s plan seems to ignore a basic issue: water. Estimates suggest they will need over 500,000 gallons of water a day. Pocono Manor is located right at the top slope of the watershed – so all this water will draw on the headwaters of the area’s main streams. Water is not infinite, and removing that much creates a “water deficit” – a sort of water vacuum – that pulls water from creeks and wells. At 500,000 gallons a day, how long before streams and private wells go dry? More, treating the wastewater and dumping it into Indian Run will overwhelm that small creek and destroy the natural water balance of the entire Pocono region.

The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania guarantees citizens the right to pure water. Pocono Manor has ignored their impact on this most basic right and has shown in its other dealings that it is unwilling to play by the rules. Mt. Airy has proved just the opposite. For these reasons, Mt. Airy’s application should be approved.



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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: FRANK MARTENS, SR.

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Organization, if any: NONE

Employer: RETIRED

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Frank Martens

4/27/06

TO: The Pennsylvania Gaming Commission

Dear Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you regarding the Casino applications.

I have lived on Woodland Road in Mount Pocono since emigrating from the Netherlands in the early 1950's. I have spent most of my years as a co-owner of Mount Airy Lodge, and I have seen an enormous amount of growth and change in the area. I am still proud to call the Pocono's my home. My family and I still reside on Woodland Road, which is less than a mile from the Mount Airy property.

I am writing you in support of the Mount Airy #1LLC application for a Gaming License.

For over the past year, I have known that Mr. DeNaples and everyone involved with the Mount Airy Project, has shown a true willingness to work with Paradise Township in meeting all the ordinances of the Township. There is still a way to go, but they have not tried to change the requirements set forth by the Township, to suit their needs. They have adjusted their plans to accommodate the requirements of the Township. They are also working together with Monroe County, and all state agencies required in meeting their guidelines and requirements.

The size and aesthetics of the project is one of a facility that would 'compliment' the area, and provide support and growth to surrounding areas and communities. The project is not one that would overpower the area by the sheer magnitude of its size. Growth is inevitable, but bigger is not always better. The Mount Airy development would blend in with the aesthetics, and it would become a part of the Pocono's.

Mr. DeNaples is from nearby Scranton, and is someone from our immediate area. I believe that he is someone who wants to see the area thrive and be a part of our community, rather than a conglomerate of out of state companies that have no roots or passion for the area and who I believe are more interested in what they can 'take' from the area, rather than what they can 'add' to the area.

I'm sure you'll get all of the statistics on projected revenues to the state and local communities, but there is a passion that the Pocono's once held, and I believe that the Mount Airy Development would bring back that passion to the Pocono's.

I am recommending that the Gaming Commission look favorably on the Mount Airy Development application, and approve their application for a Gaming License.

Yours truly,



Frank Martens