



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government
Office of the Chief Executive*

February 4, 2026

Via E-mail

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly
Carolyn Beaulieu, District I Representative
Wendy Merrill, District II Representative
Harry Davis, District III Representative

Re: Recommending Ratification of Band's Membership with the Indian Gaming Association

Dear Band Assembly:

Pursuant to 4 MLBS § 6(d), I respectfully recommend and request that the Band Assembly ratify and renew the Band's agreement to maintain its status as a member of the Indian Gaming Association ("IGA"). The 2026 Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention will begin on March 31. The Band must submit a resolution with its payment and application to IGA prior to attending.

The Mille Lacs Band has been a member of IGA for more than 30 years. IGA membership offers several benefits to the Band. IGA serves as a unified lobbying front for Tribes across the nation. Having a single voice makes all member Tribes collectively stronger. IGA membership enables the Band to influence IGA's lobbying priorities in Washington, D.C. IGA membership also expands the Band's networking, giving the Band proximity to tribal leaders and large tribally owned companies across the nation. Finally, IGA members also have access to discounted educational opportunities for their employees.

I have included with this letter the Band's application and a proposed resolution for the Band Assembly's consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind", is written over a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

CC:

Katie Draper, Director of Government Affairs
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel
Reen Reinhardt, Revisor of Statutes
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian/Clerk of the Band Assembly