The Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM) is currently accepting nominations for the Jens Halle Memorial Award Honoring Excellence in Commercial Gaming Professionalism and the Peter Mead Memorial Award Honoring Excellence in Gaming Media & Communications.

AGEM previously announced the creation of this unique awards program to acknowledge the lasting impacts on gaming by two distinctive industry veterans following their unexpected deaths in 2015.

Halle, a longtime Bally and Novomatic executive in Europe who was most recently CEO of Gauselmann Group’s Merkur Gaming based in Florida, died suddenly on May 20, 2015 at the age of 57. Mead, the founder and publisher of *Casino Enterprise Management* magazine, died suddenly in Las Vegas on June 24, 2015 at the age of 54.

Len Ainsworth in 2016 and Rick Meitzler in 2017 were the initial recipients of the Jens Halle Memorial Award Honoring Excellence in Commercial Gaming Professionalism, and Howard Stutz in 2016 and Roger Gros in 2017 were the initial recipients of the Peter Mead Memorial Award Honoring Excellence in Gaming Media & Communications.

Nomination submissions of 300-700 original words identifying current gaming professionals must be received via email at marcus.prater@agem.org by July 15 of each year, and must meet the following criteria that aim to capture the unique attributes displayed by Halle and Mead during their storied careers:

**Jens Halle Memorial Award Honoring Excellence in Commercial Gaming Professionalism**

“Nominees must have experience working in the global gaming supplier sector for a minimum of 10 years and possess the following traits and qualities that Jens displayed throughout his working life: Professionalism, business success, international scope, attention to detail and timely follow-up; a willingness to ‘go the extra mile,’ both figuratively and literally; a sense of humanity in an oft-times cutthroat business; a recognition of the importance of a handshake and a fair deal for all; and a dedication to the health of the industry as a whole.”

**Peter Mead Memorial Award Honoring Excellence in Gaming Media & Communications**

“Nominees must have experience working in the mainstream media, gaming trade press or individual gaming company PR/communications for a minimum of 10 years and possess the following traits and qualities that Peter displayed throughout his working life: Quality reporting and communication with an emphasis on personal contact to generate ideas and gather information; taking risks and questioning the status quo; challenging the industry to consider new ideas; and identifying trusted partners to improve the overall product.”

Awards winners are announced every year at the Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in Las Vegas.