

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF RACING

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DIRECTOR

MEET THE DIRECTOR: LONNY POWELL



Director Powell arrived via Lexington, Kentucky in order to begin his ADOR tenure January 2010 at the conclusion of a national search. Born in California and raised primarily in Idaho as part of a horse racing family, Powell began his racing career as an assistant starter, jockey valet and maintenance worker at Boise's Les Bois Park and Tucson's Rillito Downs. He attended and graduated from the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program within the Department of Animal Sciences and later would become the Coordinator and Director of the Program. Years later, he returned to Arizona once again in order to serve as president of the State's largest track, Turf Paradise in Phoenix where he presided over a number of record-breaking business years which saw the track become a national player on the simulcast front, greatly expand its in-state OTB system and elevate the quality and competitiveness of its' live racing program.

In addition to his considerable background in Arizona racing, Powell has extensive knowledge and expertise in the National racing scene having served as president, CEO or COO at a number of acclaimed and successful race tracks including: Santa Anita, Longacres and Multnomah Greyhound Park. In addition, he was hired as the first Executive Vice President-Operations for the largest owner of race tracks at the time, Magna Entertainment Corp. He also was named president and CEO of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) as well as Senior VP-Public Affairs at Yobet.com. He also served as the principal and Chairman of his own management and consulting company, L. Powell Strategy & Solutions of Kentucky where he represented such entities as the NTRA, Racing Medication & Testing Consortium, Multi-Media Games, Inc., Advance Monitoring Systems and many others.

As an adjunct to his career dedicated to racing, Powell was recruited to serve on a number of Boards including: NTRA, AQHA Racing Council, TRA, Los Angeles Turf Club (Santa Anita), Pacific Racing Association (Golden Gate Fields), Emerald Racing Association, Gulfstream Park, Remington Park, Race Track Chaplaincy of America, Bluegrass Farms Chaplaincy, University of Arizona RTIP College of Ag Advisory Council, Lone Mountain Vista of Scottsdale Home Owners Association and the Arizona 4-H State Board of Trustees.

During his course of duty Powell has received of number of awards and industry recognitions including: RCI's May Award for Distinguished National Service, Arizona Racing Commission Recognition of Service, Race Track Industry Program Distinguished Service, University of Arizona Presidents Club, AQHA Winners Circle Award and the John K. Goodman University of Arizona RTIP Outstanding Alumni Award.