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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): June 21, 2005 (June 21, 2005)

SENECA GAMING CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Not Applicable
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

333-117633
(Commission File Number)

54-2122988
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

310 Fourth Street
Niagara Falls, NY (Seneca Nation Territory)
(Address of Principal
Executive Offices)

14303
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(716) 299-1100**

Not Applicable
(Former name or address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

The board of directors of the Seneca Gaming Corporation (“SGC”) has announced the election of John Pasqualoni as permanent President and Chief Executive Officer of the SGC. The naming of John Pasqualoni as permanent President and CEO follows the announcement of his election as interim president and CEO of the SGC on April 6, 2005. A copy of the press release announcing the election of Mr. Pasqualoni as permanent President and CEO is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1. The SGC and Mr. Pasqualoni are negotiating the terms of a new employment agreement, which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission upon execution by the parties.

John Pasqualoni has served as interim President and CEO since April 6, 2005 and as the Chief Operating Officer since February 16, 2005. Prior to these appointments, Mr. Pasqualoni served as Senior Vice President of Slot Operations/Marketing, a position he held since October 2002. Prior to joining the Seneca Niagara Casino, Mr. Pasqualoni was employed by Resorts International Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City from November 2001 to October 2002 and attained the position of Senior Vice President of Slot Operations/Promotions. From June 1999 to November 2001, Mr. Pasqualoni was a gaming industry consultant to Louisiana Downs and Resorts International Hotel and Casino. From March 1998 to June 1999, Mr. Pasqualoni was a partner at Top Gun Gaming, LLC, a slot machine development company. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Pasqualoni was Vice President of Slot Operations and Casino Marketing at the Foxwoods Resort Casino. Additionally, he has worked in slot management positions at several casinos and hotel gaming complexes, including the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, Bally’s Park Place Casino, Tropicana Casino, the Hilton/Trump’s Castle and Trump Plaza Hotel Casino in Atlantic City and the Lucayan Beach Hotel Resort in the Bahamas.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished as a part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

(a) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by Seneca Gaming Corporation, dated June 21, 2005.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SENECA GAMING CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: June 21, 2005

/s/Barry W. Brandon
Name: Barry W. Brandon
Title: Senior Vice President and General
Counsel

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1*	Press Release issued by the Seneca Gaming Corporation, dated June 21, 2005.

*Filed herewith

Seneca Gaming Corporation
Names John Pasqualoni Permanent President and CEO

NIAGARA FALLS, NY – June 21, 2005 – Seneca Gaming Corporation announced today that John Pasqualoni has been named the Corporation's permanent President and CEO. In this capacity, he will be responsible for the overall operation and management of the Corporation and its Class III gaming facilities, Seneca Niagara Casino and Seneca Allegany Casino. Pasqualoni has been serving as Interim President and CEO since April 2005.

"Based on past experience and having worked closely with Mr. Pasqualoni over the past few months, I have complete confidence in his abilities to operate the Seneca Nation's Class III gaming operations and to maximize returns for members of the Seneca Nation," Barry E. Snyder, Sr., President of the Seneca Nation of Indians and Chairman of the Seneca Gaming Corporation, said. "His knowledge of our properties and of the gaming industry position us well for continued growth and success."

Pasqualoni joined Seneca Gaming Corporation as Vice President of Slot Operations/Marketing in October 2002, two months prior to the opening of Seneca Niagara Casino and was promoted to Senior Vice President in June 2004. He was appointed Chief Operating Officer in February 2005, and assumed the role of Interim President and CEO two months later. Pasqualoni has more than 27 years of experience in the gaming industry, having served in senior management positions at Resorts International Hotel and Casino, Foxwoods Resort Casino, Bally's Park Place and Trump Plaza.

"I am very grateful to the Board of Directors and the people of the Seneca Nation for placing their trust and confidence in me to manage their dynamic Class III gaming operations," Pasqualoni said. "I look forward to the opportunity to build upon the success we've enjoyed and create the finest gaming and entertainment experiences available."

Seneca Gaming Corporation is in the process of constructing a 26-story luxury hotel at Seneca Niagara Casino, which will open in December. The property will feature more than 600 rooms, expanded gaming floor, a full-service salon and spa, multiple restaurants, meeting and conference space and a 30,000 square-foot multi-purpose room for entertainment and large gatherings.

A resort hotel is also planned for Seneca Allegany Hotel. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin later this year.

Seneca Gaming Corporation is a wholly owned, tribally chartered corporation of the Seneca Nation of Indians (Nation) that operates all of the Nation's Class III gaming operations in Western New York. Seneca Gaming Corporation, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Seneca Niagara Falls Gaming Corporation (SNGFC) and Seneca Territory Gaming Corporation (STGC), operates two casinos in Niagara Falls, New York (Seneca Niagara Casino) and Salamanca, New York (Seneca Allegany Casino), respectively.

Seneca Gaming Corporation was chartered by the Nation in August 2002 and opened the Seneca Niagara Casino and Seneca Allegany Casino on December 31, 2002 and May 1, 2004, respectively.

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