



FORM 8-K

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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 27, 2006 (June 22, 2006)

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)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - 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.

On June 22, 2006, the Board of Directors of Seneca Gaming Corporation issued a release announcing appointments, effective as of June 22, 2006, for three of its existing officers.

Joseph D'Amato, formerly Seneca Gaming Corporation's Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration and Chief Financial Officer, has been appointed Chief Operating Officer and has consented to serve as such. Mr. D'Amato will also serve as Chief Operating Officer of each of Seneca Gaming Corporation's subsidiaries. As an existing executive officer, the information required by Item 5.02(c) of Form 8-K, except to the extent provided above or, with respect to certain expected material changes to the terms of Mr. D'Amato's employment agreement (to be provided by an amendment to this Form 8-K once available), has been previously reported.

Patrick Fox, formerly Seneca Gaming Corporation's Vice President of Finance, has been appointed Chief Financial Officer, and has been designated as Seneca Gaming Corporation's principal financial and accounting officer. Mr. Fox has consented to serve in all of the foregoing capacities. Mr. Fox will also serve as Chief Financial Officer of each of Seneca Gaming Corporation's subsidiaries. Patrick Fox, 54, served as Vice President of Finance of Seneca Gaming Corporation from October 24, 2005 through June 22, 2006. For the four months prior to October 24, 2005, Mr. Fox served as Financial Controller of Majestic Star Casino. From April 2004 through May 2005, Mr. Fox served as Chief Financial Officer of Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino and from November 2001 through April 2004 he served as Chief Financial Officer of Trump Indiana, Inc. (which corporation filed for bankruptcy shortly after April 2004). Prior to that, Mr. Fox served as Director of Finance of the Carlson Group, an engineering and architectural firm, from February 2001 through September 2001. Prior to February 2001, and for approximately 25 years, he was with Arthur Andersen and Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting) where he held several auditing and management positions. Mr. Fox is a certified public accountant and a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. It is expected that Mr. Fox will enter into a new employment agreement with Seneca Gaming Corporation. The material terms of such new employment agreement have not yet been determined but will be provided by an amendment to this Form 8-K once determined. Mr. Fox's existing employment agreement with Seneca Niagara Falls Gaming Corporation ("SNFGC") provides for, among other matters, (a) a term of two years from October 24, 2005 through October 23, 2007, (b) an initial salary of \$170,000 per year, (c) eligibility to participate, at SNFGC's sole discretion, in an annual incentive compensation or other bonus program, (d) six months severance in the form of a continuation of the payment of his salary in the case of termination of employment by SNFGC under certain circumstances, and (e) certain restrictive covenants obligating Mr. Fox to maintain the confidentiality of certain confidential information and restricting certain activities by Mr. Fox.

Michael Speller, formerly Seneca Gaming Corporation's Senior Vice President of Table Games, has been appointed Senior Vice President of Gaming Operations and has consented to serve as such.

A copy of the press release announcing the above appointments is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release Announcing Executive Appointments.

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 27, 2006

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
*99.1	Press Release Announcing Executive Appointments.

*Filed herewith

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 22, 2006

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**SENECA GAMING CORPORATION
ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**
Joseph D'Amato to serve as Chief Operating Officer

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK — Seneca Gaming Corporation announced today that it has made three appointments to its executive staff.

Joseph D'Amato, currently the company's Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration, has been named Chief Operating Officer. He will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of Seneca Gaming Corporation and its subsidiary companies Seneca Niagara Falls Gaming Corporation, Seneca Territory Gaming Corporation and Seneca Erie Gaming Corporation.

The companies manage and operate Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel in Niagara Falls, New York and Seneca Allegany Casino in Salamanca, New York on behalf of the Seneca Nation of Indians. Site preparation for a third casino, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, is currently underway.

D'Amato fills a vacancy created when John Pasqualoni was appointed President and CEO in June 2005. Seneca Gaming Corporation is now conducting a national search, including a review of internal candidates, to replace Pasqualoni, who is resigning July 31.

"Joe has been an integral part of our management team and has helped us build a financially strong and successful company," said Barry E. Snyder, Sr., President of the Seneca Nation of Indians and Chairman of Seneca Gaming Corporation. "His appointment reflects the work he has put into building our operations and his ability to lead us during this time of transition."

D'Amato joined Seneca Gaming Corporation in December 2002 after serving as Senior Vice President of Finance/Chief Financial Officer at Resorts International Casino in Atlantic City. He has held numerous management positions in the gaming industry with organizations including the Trump Organization and Bally's Casinos.

"I am very grateful to the Board of Directors for placing their confidence in me to continue to lead this growing gaming and entertainment company," D'Amato said. "The accomplishments we have realized in the past three and a half years have been nothing short of remarkable. I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and our management team to continue our record of success and achievement."

In addition, Michael Speller, Seneca Gaming Corporation's Senior Vice President of Table Games, was appointed Senior Vice President of Gaming Operations, while Patrick Fox was named Chief Financial Officer.

Speller is responsible for the overall management of the slot machines and table games operations at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel, Seneca Allegany Casino and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino. He has more than 30 years experience in the gaming industry, and joined Seneca Gaming Corporation in 2002.

Currently Vice President of Finance, Fox will oversee and manage the financial performance of each of the Seneca Nation's Class III gaming operations. He was hired by Seneca Gaming Corporation in 2005 after serving as Vice President/Chief Financial Officer at Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Des Moines, Iowa. He has more than 30 years of financial and accounting experience.

"Seneca Gaming Corporation has built as strong a management team as I have been associated with in my career," Pasqualoni said. "I look forward to working with Joe, Mike and Pat in their new capacities. Their appointments are certainly well-deserved."

Forward-Looking Statements

The above announcement contains certain forward-looking statements intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words "believe", "estimate", "anticipate", "intend", "plan", "expect", "will", "continue", "evaluate", and words of similar meaning, with references to Seneca Gaming Corporation and its management, indicate forward looking statements. Similarly, statements that describe our plans or goals are all forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the forward looking statements contained in this release, including, but not limited to, our ability to complete and open the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino; our ability to replace Mr. Pasqualoni on or before July 31, 2006; our ability to continue the growth of Seneca Gaming Corporation; and our ability to continue our record of success and achievement. Additional information concerning potential factors that could affect Seneca Gaming Corporation and cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the statements contained in this release is included in the filings of Seneca Gaming Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Seneca Gaming Corporation disclaims any obligation to update these forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof.

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