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As an entrepreneurial visionary throughout his 30+ year career as Founder & CEO of successful software firms, Brian has led the envisioning, development, and commercialization of innovations that meet the changing needs of the gaming industry across North America and beyond. He has been honored to collaborate with the most prominent tribal and commercial gaming operators in the world on technology innovations that are shaping the future of gaming operations and regulation.

Brian's experiences driving the innovation of mobile user experience enhancement apps, real-time integrations with numerous gaming software vendors, as well as connectivity to government and financial institutions are unmatched in the gaming industry. He was responsible for numerous industry innovations, including the most advanced real-time AML financial transaction monitoring platform ever built for the casino industry, the first mobile Class II real-money digital gaming platform ever placed into production in the US, and the first AI-based talent acquisition platform to serve the tribal gaming industry.
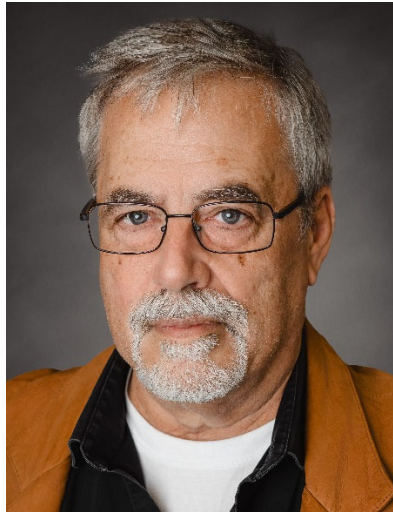
Brian recently served as a technology executive for an emerging tribal gaming commission to develop a roadmap for how the tribal gaming commissions of the future can be best positioned to take advantage of emerging efficiency-improving technologies.

Brian continues to serve a number of innovative mobile technology startups as a Board Member, mentor and fractional Chief Product Officer bringing his proven product commercialization experiences to their executive teams. As the recipient of the highly-competitive national General Motors Fellowship, Brian earned his graduate degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, with a focus on engineering management.

Dennis Nelson
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Dennis Nelson has headed up the Green Bay Based API Group for over 40 years providing Risk Consultation and Investigations to a broad customer base across the government and corporate sectors. In the government sector, Mr. Nelson led the privatizing of traditional law enforcement services. In 1991, Dennis became the acting Executive Director of the Ho-Chunk Nations first Class III Gaming Regulatory Group, building the team from the ground up.

In 1993 API became the go-to group across Indian Country developing gaming regulatory capabilities and regulating bad actors out of the Industry. After 9-11 , Mr. Nelson developed a world class team that advised the gaming industry on terrorism risks. In 2006, Mr. Nelson was retained by Las Vegas Sands Corp (Venetian) to develop and manage risk and compliance under the Patriot Act (KYC) along with AML practices. During the course of the project, Mr. Nelson created Veridocs, an identity solution, that continues to dominate the gaming world with clients such MGM, Caesars, Wynn and others. Mr. Nelson leads innovation wherever his path takes him.

A regulator at heart specializing in the development of regulatory capabilities, he is doing just that again in the emerging jurisdiction of Texas, serving as the Chairman of the Board of Regulators for the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas. Mr. Nelson has produced white papers on varied subjects including early regulatory efforts in Indian Gaming and "Indian Gaming and Its Impact on Law Enforcement." Mr. Nelson now resides in Texas, but fishes in Wisconsin.

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Bryan Smythe serves as the President of Americas at IDVerse, a leading provider in the digital identity verification sector. With a career spanning over two decades, Bryan has established himself as a formidable force in the sales and technology fields, specifically within the realms of cybersecurity and digital identity solutions. His journey at IDVerse is marked by significant achievements that have solidified IDVerse's position in the market.

Bryan has led the participation of IDVerse in many high profile Federal and State government technology testing programs, including DHS. Additionally, he is a participant in various committees and test programs at the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) and the National Center of Cyber Excellence within their Remote Identity Validation Technology genre.

An advocate for innovation and customer-centric solutions, Bryan frequently shares his knowledge and insights as a speaker at industry conferences and through articles. His thought leadership in digital identity verification has helped shape best practices in the industry, emphasizing the importance of trust, privacy, and security in digital transactions.