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## **RGA ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Following an election by its membership, the RGA has appointed a new 10 strong Executive Committee to oversee the Association's work. Those sitting on the Committee will serve for three years.

The Committee's first action was to reappoint Nick Rust (Sky Bet) and Ian Spearing (William Hill) as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Commenting on the election, Nick Rust said:

"The outcome is that we have a very strong Committee and I am delighted that they have asked me to remain as the RGA's Chairman.

It sometimes feels that as soon as we've addressed one issue, two others spring up to take its place, but there is plenty of cause for optimism. We have a good team at the RGA, members are doing a lot of work behind the scenes on our various sub-committees and, best of all, the remote gambling industry is thriving."

Clive Hawkswood, the RGA's Chief Executive, explained that:

“Following the merger of the Association of Remote Gambling Operators (ARGO) and the interactive Gaming, Gambling & Betting Association (iGGBA) last August to form the RGA it was agreed that after a transitional 6 month period there would be an election to reduce the number of members on the Executive Committee down from 15 to 10. This also enabled newer members to stand for election.”

The new Committee comprises the following companies:

Sky Bet	Nick Rust (Chairman)
William Hill	Ian Spearing (Vice Chairman)
888	
bet 365	
Betfair	
Gala/Coral	
Ladbrokes	
Littlewoods	
Sportingbet	
Victor Chandler	

### **Notes to editors**

The Remote Gambling Association became operational on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2005.

In 2005 revenues from remote gambling (eg telephone/internet betting & online gaming such as casinos or poker) were estimated to be somewhere \$9bn - 12bn.

Further details about the RGA can be found at [www.rga.eu.com](http://www.rga.eu.com). Its membership includes some of the biggest gambling and gambling software companies in the world.

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