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**WPBA BOARD ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF MIKE HOWERTON OF AZ BILLIARDS**

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The WPBA Board is pleased to announce that Mike Howerton of AZ Billiards has been appointed to the Board to replace Mr. Anthony Gebbia - Treasurer. Mr. Gebbia stepped down from the Board due to personal reasons.

Melissa Herndon, WPBA Board Secretary, offered this statement; "The WPBA welcomes Mike Howerton to the Board of Directors, and we look forward to working with him in making the decisions for our future. As a pioneer in providing billiard-related information to an international viewership, Mike is seen as a visionary within the billiards industry. Mike's sterling reputation within the billiards community, combined with his knowledge of the industry and familiarity with the WPBA, will be a tremendous asset to our organization."

Mr. Howerton had this to say: "I have been a fan of the WPBA for over 20 years now, and I am very honored and excited to be able to help steer the tour towards the future."