

Spotlight glares on lack of women in top gaming jobs

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Jan Jones Blackhurst stood in a large ballroom at the Mirage on Wednesday and showed an image that she said illustrated a critical issue for the casino industry.

It was more than a dozen headshots of executives from a certain gambling company. All but one were men.

Jones Blackhurst, Caesars Entertainment Corp.'s executive vice president of government relations and corporate social responsibility, told the audience that she was not "picking on" that particular company, apparently Scientific Games Corp.

"It would be the exact same picture of any executive team that I happen to showcase," she said.

Rather, Jones Blackhurst was trying to show that, in both the casino industry and in business at large, there are not nearly enough women in leadership roles. And she said that needs to change.

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