



Greetings from the Desk of the President:

The 2013 Winter Meeting is behind us and I want to thank the Lockhart/Seguin/New Braunfels chapters for hosting this event. Congratulations to all the winners of the golf tournaments. Now our next major event is the 2013 National Convention and Golf Tournament hosted by the San Antonio chapter. Mr. Ray Aguillon, Jr. National Chairman and the tournament volunteers have planned an entire week of exciting and entertaining events. Please visit the National website (www.npaga.org) for information. Make your hotel reservation early. I can report the host hotel, the El Tropicano, is completely booked. While in San Antonio, please visit the newly renovated Clubhouse and National Archives.

I am happy to announce, with the approval of the delegates, reinstatement of the Killeen PAGA chapter into the National Pan American Golf Association. I am also excited to bring news of the possibility of a group that would like to form a chapter in Utah. There is interest in around the Salt Lake Valley. Our Admission's committee will be in close contact with the group.

During the President's report, delegates were informed of the National Meeting rotation lists for the Annual Convention and the Winter Meeting. For the National Convention, El Paso will host the 2014 Convention. The Austin and Fort Worth Chapters have agreed to swap years and now the 2015 will be hosted by Fort Worth, followed by Oklahoma City in 2016, then Austin in 2017 and Corpus Christi in 2018. The Winter Meeting in 2014 will be hosted by the Harlingen chapter, followed Lubbock in 2015, Mercedes in 2016, Victoria in 2017 and Alice in 2018. The 3rd Meeting focus group is still working on proposal and a vote to finalize the proposal will come at the 2013 National Convention in San Antonio. After many attempts over the last few decades, the National Pan American Golf Association has an official standard trophy. The trophy standard will be unique to the Association for all divisions for the next five years. I want to thank the National Board and the efforts of Mr. Jesse Garza (San Antonio Chapter), who directed us to pursue a supplier, who was sensitive to our ideas. Along with the approval, the juniors will also have a standard trophy that was included in the approval. The trophies were presented to the delegates at the Winter Meeting with applause.

All three proposals presented were defeated by the delegates. The proposal not to allow nominations off the floor during the election process was defeated. The proposal to modify the Code of Conduct allowing disciplinary steps was defeated. And the proposal to amend the Handicapping process and recommendation to convert over to the Ghin system was defeated. Delegates did approved by majority vote to continue working on changes to the By-Laws governing handicap.

I bring you this information so members will know what transpired during the delegates meetings. There are times when this information does not get to the membership. I encourage members to attend your chapter meetings to voice your ideas and concerns or to just listen to the information.

Sincerely,
Jesse Pena
National President