Greetings from the Desk of the President:

Now that we have experienced the 2012 National Convention hosted by the Houston Chapter, I would like to thank the volunteers of the Houston chapter who devoted a lot of time and effort in making your experience an enjoyable one. I congratulate all the winners including those who placed especially our juniors, for they are the future of Pan American Golf Association. As we draw closer to this year’s 3rd Meeting & Workshop in Dallas (Mesquite), we need chapters to send their respective delegates to work on ideas and goals for the coming year (2013). The Dallas chapter will be putting on a golf tournament and evening event for all in attendance. It is also open to any PAGA member who wants to enjoy some quality golf courses and hospitality. The climate should be much cooler.

At the Houston Convention, the delegates passed the first Code of Conduct that becomes part of the National Constitution and By-Laws Agreements. I applaud the delegates for approving such a much-needed tool to discipline those who damage and/or abuse the integrity of the National Pan American Golf Association and its image. Your delegates should bring this information to your chapter so that each of you can understand and remember your responsibilities for conducting yourselves in a manner reflective of a PAGA member and organization. The National Board will be enforcing infractions on a case-by-case basis. Also, each chapter must incorporate the Code of Conduct into their local Constitution/By-Laws and new membership applications.

I need to remind everyone to attend your local membership meetings and require your delegate or local PAGA Board to inform you of changes, which could effect you. Time and again, members approach me during and after events, regarding changes which they were not aware. This tells me the delegates are not reporting on National meeting actions items and members are not attending local meetings. During my administration, I enacted the canvas vote where you or I can determine how your delegate/chapter voted on items that are brought before the convention meetings. You cannot complain if you don’t participate.

Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,

Jesse Pena
National President