

February 7, 2008

Fellow PAGA Members,

As we launch our 2008 golfing season, I am looking forward in seeing all of you at our 2008 National Winter Meeting & Tournament in Lockhart, Texas on March 27th, 28th and 29th.

The Lockhart PAGA eagerly awaits your chapter's entries by their February 29th deadline.

Mr. Fermin Islas, chairman of the event, expects a great turnout and reminds all chapters to get those entries in before it's too late! All pertinent information concerning this event can be found on our www.npaga.org web site under the Lockhart chapter link.

Our 2007 National PAGA Third Delegates Meeting held on October 27, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas was attended by twenty two (22) chapters. Unfortunately, we missed having a quorum by one (1) chapter since twenty three (23) chapters were needed to conduct official business.

Our national meeting guidelines state that we must have at least fifty (50) percent of our chapters plus one (1) in attendance to form a quorum. Presently we have a total of forty four (44) chapters in our organization.

I sincerely want to thank the following chapters that made the effort to attend this very productive meeting. They are; Oklahoma City, Pomona, Dallas, Irving, Fort Worth, El Paso, Brazoria County, Houston, Missouri City, Austin, Temple, Round Rock, Lockhart, San Antonio, Pleasanton, Alice, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Mercedes, Edinburg, Laredo and Victoria.

After our informative meeting, we broke into six groups under the workshop portion of the meeting and discussed the following topics;

A. Hall of Fame: Restructuring format, new application ideas and possible resolutions
(Noe Guerrero - Workshop Group Leader, Corpus Christi, TX)

B. National Scholarship Raffle: Shall we continue with with it? Ways to replace the funds that this raffle provides for our organization and ideas for new fund raising format.
(Juan Reyes - Workshop Group Leader, Round Rock, TX)

C. National Conventions: Find ways to enhance participation, ways to make our conventions more appealing through entertainment, promotion, better activities for everyone at all levels, find ways to attract more people to our conventions by promoting car give always, vacation travel packages, hole in one monies, hire media personalities, golf professionals, and or a Tejano super star to conduct clinics, autograph day session, etc.

(All convention host cities members that attended were workshop group idea contributors)

D. NPAGA Diabetes Donation Commitment: Analyze where we're at with our donations, find ways to complete our commitment, promoting local level tournaments as fund raisers, etc.

(Cesar Montelongo - Workshop Group Leader, Mercedes, TX)

E. National Constitution & By Laws: Define ways on how we can update both of these documents in a timely manner.

(Fred Salinas - Workshop Group Leader, Missouri City, TX)

F. Membership Growth, Bulletin and Education: Form a possible avenue to help our organization grow through educating our members locally via monthly bulletins on principles of our organization exposing methods used at the local and national level.

The group leaders listed above are currently working with their group committees and will introduce proposals to the general assembly at our 2008 National Winter Meeting and at our 2008 National Convention in El Paso based on their group discussions, contributions and suggestions.

While on the subject of mandatory third meetings and quorums, please mark your calendars and make note of our Third National PAGA Delegates Meeting that will take place on October 17th, 18th, & 19th in Deer Park, Texas that will be hosted by the Missouri City, Texas chapter. Make plans to attend now. With this advanced notice we should have more than 23 chapters present. A golf tournament along with other activities are being planned at this time and a complete schedule of events will be distributed by the Missouri City chapter at our national delegates meeting in Lockhart, Texas.

Another milestone for Pan-Am will take place this year on September 27th & 28th. The Seguin Pan American Golf Association will be celebrating their 50th golfing anniversary! The Seguin chapter was founded in 1958 by Mr. Ben Gonzales Sr. and six charter members.

Mr. Gonzales still attends the local club meetings every month and still contributes ideas to the Seguin chapter. A special 50th anniversary tournament, dance and entertainment activities are being planned for this memorable occasion. An informational tournament flyer will be distributed to all delegates in Lockhart and in El Paso with further details. The Seguin chapter is looking forward in having as many golfers and their spouses come over that weekend to help them celebrate their milestone.

If you have ever taken part in one of Seguin's annual invitational tournament's you know you're going to be in for a super weekend while in Seguin. We look forward in seeing as many of you that weekend. Congratulations Seguin!

It was a pleasure to visit and meet with the El Paso PAGA chapter on January 19th & 20th. I along with our national vice president and national secretary visited and met with their local officers and national convention committee members. We inspected and visited all golf courses, convention facilities, hotels (contract with the headquarters hotel) and restaurants that will be used for our 2008 national

convention and tournament. All facilities are located within favorable distances from the headquarters and are indeed very suitable for our convention needs.

All committees are on top of their responsibilities and assured us that El Paso is ready for the 2008 convention and promise to do everything possible to make everyone experience a most memorable convention and tournament. I want to thank Mr. Luis Gonzales and his courteous staff for the hospitality that they displayed during our visit. What a treat!

Mr. Gonzales and his committees are working hard and contributing countless hours as they proudly await to entertain everyone as convention host's for 2008. See you in El Paso!

In closing, our agenda for the National Winter Meeting in Lockhart will go out on February 29th. If your chapter has anything that needs placement on the agenda, please forward me your notice by February 27th.

Hit them long and straight,

E. Toyo Amador
National PAGA President
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