



Greetings from the Desk of the President:

2013 is now upon us. As we tread through the 2013, we beginning with the Winter Meeting hosted by the Lockhart/Seguin/New Braunfels chapters in New Braunfels, Texas. I encourage PAGA members and delegates to make your plans to attend this event. The tri-City chapters are planning an enjoyable event with plenty of exciting tournament competition. Please visit the National website (www.npaga.org) for information. Also on the 2013 agenda is the National Convention and Golf Tournament hosted by the San Antonio chapter. Mr. Ray Aguillon, Jr. National Chairman, and his army of volunteers will be rolling out the red-carpet and opening the doors to the city with entertaining activities. Make your hotel plans early. While in San Antonio, please visit the newly renovated Clubhouse and National Archives.

I am sad to announce the Pomona PAGA chapter has folded. Pablo Garza regrettfully contacted the National Board in August of 2012. Some members have migrated over to the Santa Ana chapter.

Also, this year delegates will be electing a new National Board. Anyone wishing to seek any of the five positions, please contact Armando Contreras, Election Committee chairman, before the 2013 Winter Meeting. His phone number is 512-665-6410. Those seeking office must first seek written approval from their local chapter and submit a resume of the candidacy to Mr. Contreras. The actual election will be conducted at the 2013 National Convention in San Antonio. Good luck to those who answer the call to serve.

I am happy to announce 95 % of the chapters have complied with the USGA mandate of becoming a licensed golf club. Two chapters still remain to submit the application and until then, those chapters will not be able to submit or receive any handicap data from Minimax. Unfortunately, the members will suffer when it come time to qualify for this year's Nationals. I encourage member to ask your respective officers/tournament directors if your chapter has complied with this mandate. Also, in compliance with USGA requirements, chapters must determine the true handicaps for your members and any visiting PAGA member competing in tournaments. This applies to rounds that are not considered "Home Course" otherwise chapters will be non-compliant with USGA guidelines as a licensed club.

Sincerely,

Jesse Pena
National President