



Dear Fellow Carolinas PGA Professionals,

The purpose of this letter is to formally announce my candidacy for the office of President of the Carolinas Section. It has been an honor to serve as your Secretary and Vice President for the past four years and as an Area Director four years prior to that.

During my time in office the Board and Section staff have focused on two key components and those are to serve the member and grow the game. Examples of achievements in these areas would include providing \$2,000 per year of funding to all ten Areas for education and or social events. While there is still a need for additional people, we have been able to add section staff in the Tournament Department and PGA REACH departments. These individuals have allowed us to deliver high quality competitions and grow the game through 21 Drive Chip & Putt qualifiers, 35% increase in PGA Junior League Teams for two years and have 12 PGA HOPE Chapters in operation. These cases along with many others show the leadership's desire to serve the member and grow the game.

With the opportunity before me I feel it is important to say that I rely on the phrase "is the choice that we are about to make in the best interest of the membership" as the focal point of my decision-making process. Whether the topic is governance, finance or an item from PGA Headquarters, I use that phrase when considering how to proceed. Please know that as your President I will continue the Board's initiative to ensure that the needs of members from all classifications are taken into consideration when difficult decisions are being made.

In closing I would like to thank you for your support during my time in office and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Super Show in Greensboro next February.

Regards,

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