

## Winter Meeting Minutes

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

1. Meeting called to order at 8:03 AM by Rick Rios president of the National Pan American Golf Association
2. Invocation presented by
3. Pledge of Allegiance colors presented by Victoria County Veterans Council honor guard.
4. Welcome and dignitary introductions mayor of Victoria Duane Crocker
5. Welcome delegates delivered by Rick Rios president
6. Chapter announcements and invitationals all chapters
7. Moment of silence for all deceased members of the Pan American Golf Association
8. Recognition of all veterans, police officers and 1st responders Rick Rios president.
9. Appointment of Sergeant of Arms by Rick Rios - Jim Luna, Brazoria County
10. Appointment of parliamentarian by Rick Rios - Toyo Amador, Seguin chapter
11. Chapter roll call Robert poor secretary national Panamanian Golf Association 22 chapters present 13 chapters absent.
12. Agenda acceptance 2026 winter meeting, Rick Rios - agenda approved.
13. 2025 third meeting minutes from New Braunfels presented by Robert poor secretary, minutes approved.
14. National officers' reports - Secretary Robert Poor, Treasurer Diana Ordunez, Tournament Director Alonzo Reyes, Vice President Ralph Nanez, and President Rick Rios

10-Minute break

### **15 Old business**

16a. Website refresh progress report presented by Rick Rios – Displayed new website on projector. Reviewed progress on site and key elements such as upcoming events. For chapters section Rick asked all chapters to submit contact information they want to display.

16b. Constitution and bylaws update presented by Robert poor secretary. Quick review of document updates and explained process of updating documents from past minutes. Working toward a completed document for the national meeting.

### **17. New Business**

#### **17a. NPAGA ladies' amendment tournament rules and guidelines**

Proposal to amend national guidelines for women's golf: - Current guidelines state two flights due to handicap disparities. - Proposed amendment: one flight with three gross winners, three net winners, one gross champion ring, one net champion ring, and two to three third overall placements. - Tiebreakers: gross score on the first handicap hole for gross winner, net score on the first handicap hole for net winner, using the second day scorecard. - Reasons for change: hoping for more participation and clarification on gross and net tiebreakers. - Concerns about the proposal: - Questioned the number of ladies that participated last year. - Budget concerns: Giving out too many trophies/rings for a small number of participants puts a strain on the hosting city. - The proposal aims to alleviate costs and be more fair/competitive with one flight, addressing handicap disparities. - Discussion on amending bylaws: - Any changes to rings would

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also require amendments. - The proposal is for informational purposes, to be taken back to chapters for discussion before a national vote.

17b. Ladies golf committee request to use the national EIN number.

Ladies Golf Committee requests to use the national EIN number because their old one is no longer active. - Using the national EIN would simplify the process and ensure that any remaining funds would go to the board if the ladies committee were to dissolve. - The Ladies Committee is asking for support to bring in younger generations by giving more scholarships. - Concerns and discussion regarding the EIN request: - Question about tax implications of scholarships and transparency of the Ladies Committee's finances. - Rachel Moreno stated that in the past, the women's committee reported a detailed financial report to the board. - The current Ladies Committee is new and willing to provide financial reports. - Concern that the National organization, which is registered as a 501-C7 organization, is not allowed to give out scholarships. Suggestion the ladies committee open a completely independent account to avoid conflict. Issues with opening a new account: - The bank told them that if they are a subcommittee, they should use the National Board EIN number. Proposed researching the issue further before voting.

17c. Amendment to section 13 of the bylaws to remove the requirement for championship rings presented by Ralph Nanez

Proposal to amend section 13 of the bylaws to remove the requirement for championship rings for all. The national board would be responsible for modernizing the awards to honor the national champion and set the standards for the chapters to follow when hosting a national event. The reason for the change is due to the increasing price of gold and the financial burden on the host chapter. Compared to last year, there would be a 65% increase in the cost of the rings. The proposal seeks to change the awarding of rings and be replaced with awards suitable for an event of this magnitude in recognition of the championship winner of each flight.

Delegate from north Hayes chapter pointed out the proposal was not presented in time for review by the delegation as per bylaws Article 5 section 11. Article 5 section 11 states "The constitution and bylaws made under its provisions may be amended by a 2/3 vote at a national meeting provided that each chapter is in good standing is notified in writing of the proposal at least 60 days in advance of the meeting on which the vote will be taken."

Motion proposed to suspend Article 5, Section 11 to allow for immediate voting. - Discussion on the implications of suspending rules and the need for delegate consensus. Motion and Voting Process - Jim Lunna, motion to suspend article 5, section 11, seconded by Alice from Texas. - A roll call vote will was conducted due to the significance of the motion. Motion passed, nineteen chapter – yes, three chapter – no.

Motion made to accept proposal to amend section 13. Motion made by Brazoria County seconded by Alice chapter. Roll call vote eighteen chapters yes, two chapters no, and two chapters abstained. Motion passed.

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Motion made by Jim Luna Brazoria County seconded by Bobby Pena Fort Worth chapter to reinstate Article 5 section 11 no discussion before voting. Vote conducted by show of hands, motion passed.

17d. National Pan American Golf Association reset strategy presented by Ralph Nanez.

The strategy aims to transition to a modern sustainable championship model. Current five to six-day model has complications and rising costs. Hotels alone have increased costs by about 20% recently.

Issues with old model: Family-centric, long duration, ceremony-heavy, and cost-heavy. Declining participation in national events.

Proposed new model: More player-centric and condensed to three days. Experience-driven, allowing participants to explore local attractions. Focus on cost control and sustainable awards.

Implementation ideas: Consider replacing formal banquets with casual lounge-style awards. Introduce tiered registration formats: Options for those who only want to play golf. Social events like welcome parties and award ceremonies. Digital engagement: Live scoring and app development for player profiles and tournament management. Focus on engaging younger generations through technology.

### Junior Golf Program

- Proposal for a Junior Summit to educate parents and young golfers.
- Need to provide more support and education for junior golfers.
- Suggestions to incorporate junior golf with national events to reduce costs for families.
- Emphasis on showcasing junior golfers and providing scholarships.

### Scheduling Considerations

- Suggestion to avoid scheduling events on Fridays due to increased costs.
- Proposal to hold delegate meetings on the first day to save on hotel costs.
- Importance of incorporating junior golf into national tournaments to alleviate financial burdens for families.

### Comments

- Emphasizes the importance of maintaining camaraderie during events.
- Mentions the loss of camaraderie at Myrtle Beach due to participants doing their own activities.
- Advocates for keeping traditions in the National Paga model.
- Suggests incorporating a final banquet or similar event.
- Discusses the need for a balance between new models and traditional elements.
- Acknowledges the presence of welcome parties and awards nights.
- Expresses concern about poorly attended functions.
- Shares personal experience of not visiting the Oklahoma City memorial due to being occupied in board rooms.

### Event Planning Suggestions

- Proposes having two good events followed by a free day for participants to explore.

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- Discusses scheduling of tournaments.
- Suggests keeping Friday play to allow families to enjoy the city.
- Notes the challenges of holding tournaments in extreme heat.

### Feedback and Future Changes

- Encourages feedback from members regarding proposed changes.
- Discusses the core structure of events
- Proposes a minimum three-day event focused on golf.
- Suggests building excitement for early arrivals and providing tourist information.

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### 19. National Convention Reports

- 2025 Fred Salinas 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting and Workshop hosted by New Braunfels chapter. 122 golfers participated, below expectations. Total income reported as \$19,120 with a net of \$1,875.
- 2026 National Winter meeting: PAGA Victoria. Information provided on the hospitality party and schedule of events. Mention of scavenger hunt for the women attendees. Details on golf course arrangements and player flight distributions.
- 2026 PGA National Convention and Tournament Update, Corpus Christi Presented by David Longoria. Plan to use 5 golf courses with updates provided in Starter Shack. There will be updates on golf course conditions and prices for practice rounds. Itinerary of the events was handed out to the delegates.
- 2027 National Convention and tournament hosted by Brownsville PAGA. Budget information passed out by Ralph Ramos, president of the Brownsville Chapter. First usage of the three-day golf event format. No rings or bags included in the budget. Estimated cost per player plus wagering is \$210.00. Plans for welcoming party venue options include downtown Market Square. All food and beverages will be provided at no additional cost to the participants. Tournament dates proposed will be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at the end of July 2027.
- 2026 Fred Salinas third meeting and workshop hosted by the Arlington PAGA. Information distributed to the delegates by Ernie Torres, President of the Arty of the Arlington Chapter. Tournament dates will be October 8th through the 10th, 2026. Host hotel, La Quinta Inn Hotel cost of \$109 per night. Tournament format Two-man scramble. 8M shotgun starts on 2 courses. Water Chase for lower handicaps. Riverside for higher handicaps. Women's flights are to be included if a minimum of 10 teams participate.
- 2027 winter Meeting. Announced that Lubbock Charter will host the meeting. Proposed dates will be April 24th for the tournament, the meeting date on April 23rd. More information to follow.

### 19. National Committee Reports

- Hall of Fame. Ralph Nanez -chairman.
- Encourages members to attend the official ballot counting to see how the process works.
- Guidelines are on the website and were revised in Laredo.

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- Encourages chapters to create local halls of fame.
- Deadlines for applications are January 31st of the new year.
- Voting committee consists of hall of famers, past officers, and members at large with a minimum of 20 years in the organization.
- Candidates can be submitted again the following year for consideration.
  - Only two years.
  - Up to three attempts to get inducted.

### Women's Committee Report

Carmen Gutierrez is presenting.

Glenda is the secretary/treasurer, and Marty Garcia is the vice president.

Fundraiser: Golfer quilt handmade by Mari Garcia. Tickets: 5 for \$20. Raffle at Nationals in Corpus Christi.

Goal: Give more than \$500 per scholarship.

Aiming for four \$1,000 scholarships at the Nationals in Corpus Christi.

Created a Google Drive to store all files.

Password will be given to the newly elected person.

\$20 fee to join the club. Invited to come in and participate during our ladies luncheon.

### National Convention and Tournament Rotation

- 2026: Corpus Christi
- 2027: Brownsville
- 2028: Houston
- 2029: El Paso
- 2030: San Antonio
- Winter Meeting Rotation:
- 2026: Victoria
- 2027: Lubbock
- 2028: Brazoria
- 2029: Odessa
- 2030: New Broncos
- Other chapters in the mix: Seguin, Lockhart, San Marcos, Harlingen, Alice, San Antonio.

### Meeting Overview

- Current chapters are subject to change; new chapters can express interest to join.
- Oklahoma will discuss the third meeting next year; proposals are welcome for consideration.

### Archives

- Ray Aguillon was absent, no presentation on archives.

### Starter Shack, Admin, and Education

- Starter shack is set up; golfers must be entered into the system.
- Instructions provided for checking golfer names and organizing them alphabetically.
- Emphasis on ensuring all golfers are registered to avoid issues on the tournament day.

Motion to suspend the meeting for the Junior Corporation presentation was made and seconded.

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### Junior Corporation Presentation

- Jesse introduced as the new president of the Junior Corporation.
- Goals: support junior golfers and solicit sponsorships.
- Current account balance reported as \$6,167.52 after necessary paperwork was submitted.
- Discussion on past discrepancies regarding funds and transparency in fiscal management.

### Financial Concerns

- Questions raised about previous funds and their management.
- Jesse confirmed possession of current funds and commitment to transparency.
- Clarification on the ability to apply for funds for junior trophies.
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Motion to reinstate the meeting was made and seconded.

Final motion to adjourn the meeting was made and approved.