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To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Aloha Section PGA for having the confidence in me to be on the Board of Directors for almost 14 years. The years that I spent as an officer and as President was such an honorable experience. Being able to create solid, friendship bonds throughout the District 11 is something that I will never forget. Spreading the Aloha Spirit to the District 11 as well as to the entire PGA of America is what separates our section from the rest. All members can be proud of that feat.

I realize that there are many wonderful candidates for the Board. That pleases me tremendously because it means that we care. Sure, we can boast about our credentials and our past experiences however we must always look towards the future. What can we do to better the ASPGA?

It is apparent that most sporting activities have suffered tremendously during the Covid crisis. Businesses have shut down while others have suffered significant losses which may never be recovered. However, the one attribute that all golfers must remember is to persevere. We must not give up but try to come up with a strategic plan which will ensure our survival. This is not a case where we can say we don't need to worry. We simply need to have a plan where we significantly cut costs to maintain a balance in the bottom line. This is what we as a Board have done. Many of you do not know this but it was an important plan which we implemented. Therefore, the section has survived and looks to brighter days ahead.

The major beneficiaries of this strategic plan are the members. The Board has a fiduciary duty to protect and support the membership while doing what we can to stimulate the game. Even though we are working hard for the membership, there is still an everlasting need for our members to be engaged and essentially help themselves. We realize that everyone has problems, whether it financial or personal. However, it is vital for everyone to take responsibility for these issues and work hard for a better tomorrow. No one knows what tomorrow will bring, but we must persevere.

In closing, I humbly ask for your support once again so that I can continue to be an asset to the Board and continue to work hard for the membership. Mahalo for your support!

Sincerely,

Lance Taketa, PGA