



ASPGA Board 2021 – 2022

October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

Aloha, Ben Hongo, PGA

Please accept my letter of intent to re-run for the Board of Directors representing Kauai.

I've been a Class A PGA member for over sixteen years. Fourteen of those years have been dedicated serving on the ASPGA Board of Directors. Which included eight years as an officer. I've held positions of Secretary, Vice President, President and Honorary President. I had the opportunity to attend National Annual Meetings, District Meetings as well as many educational seminars. The networking at these events has helped me understand how diverse and different our members and their facilities can be.

My tenure has always been on Kauai where I will be celebrating 30 years of living on the magical Garden Island. The start of my golf career was at Poipu Bay GC, where I was hired as a cart attendant. I worked in several positions for just over eight years. During that time, I had the chance to be a part of seven PGA Grand Slam of Golf Tournaments. In 2003, I was hired as an Assistant Professional at Princeville- Prince Golf Club. I am continuing my tenure at the club and since 2008, I've had the responsibility of PGA Director of Golf.

I've served on multiple ASPGA committees including, Education, Growth of the Game, and Special Awards. Proudly, I'm a wing commander for the Folds of Honor and have been since the beginning of the program. I continue to serve on the Kauai Junior Golf Board of Directors. Currently, I'm the Head Coach for the Kauai High School Men's and Women's Golf Team and have been since 2017.

It would be a privilege for me to continue to serve our members and apprentices on Kauai and in the state of Hawaii. I believe the island golf professionals are the key in growing the game and enhancing the experience of our sport. I will continue to learn, teach, and motivate members to get involved with the section and steer the Hawaii golf ship into the future.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Steve Murphy, PGA