

Dear Fellow Professionals,

Please allow me to offer all fellow Professionals a heartfelt greeting, and to formally introduce myself to anyone I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting. My Name is Daniel Bengtson, the current Head Golf Professional at Cattail Creek Country Club. With the support of my beloved family, the wonderful membership at Cattail Creek, and many of you, my colleagues, it is with great humility I submit this letter for consideration as a candidate for the office of the MAPGA Secretary.

As a lifelong native of the Middle Atlantic area, I have been able to cultivate a meaningful career in the golf industry alongside many of you. I began working at Montgomery Country Club as part of the outside operations staff when I was 16 years old. This modest introduction to the business helped form a long-lasting foundation, that had led to a fulfilling profession, affording me the opportunity to support a family and meet incredible colleagues along the way. In 2015, I took the opportunity to get involved with the section by volunteering on the Junior Golf Committee, a committee in which I still proudly serve to this day. I then was elected to the Central Chapter Board as the Western Regional Director, followed by serving as the Central Chapter Director at Large during the next voting term. After being hired at Cattail Creek, I took a step back from Chapter Board service to focus on my new duties to the club as the Head Golf Professional. Still wanting to stay involved, however, I did this by regularly volunteering at the Employment Summits and supporting the section APA. While at Cattail Creek, we have hosted multiple MAPGA Championships, Junior Tour events, MSGA Qualifiers, and the exciting Drive/Chip/Putt local qualifier.

My current aspirations for running for office are to explore and help develop new employment pathways, providing more opportunities to improve the PGA Professional's quality of life. I believe this can be achieved through hard work, enhancing communication channels, and utilizing both untapped local and national networking and sponsorship opportunities. As we all know, the golf business has evolved considerably in the past 10 years, and with new added pressures highlighted by the pandemic, it is more important now than ever to bring innovative ideas to maintain growth and sustainability. New solutions for balancing work and home life, improving career advancement, and finding meaningful playing opportunities are needed. Being a home-grown Mid-Atlantic product has afforded me many local networking contacts and capabilities including mentoring, staffing, interviewing, and playing. I believe my personal experiences in these areas can bring a new perspective and help shape the future of the Section. Throughout my career, I have been blessed with excellent mentors that took their own time to help me succeed. Through these relationships, I have cultivated a desire to mentor not only my staff at Cattail Creek, but others who have reached out for guidance. I believe in these personal connections and would like to see a renewed emphasis on networking while discovering and maintaining a constructive list of candidates for career advancement.

This year marks a historic transformation for our Section. Electronic voting will allow more Professionals than ever the opportunity to help shape their own future. My hope is that all members take the time to learn about the candidates and make casting a vote a priority. I welcome all fellow Professionals to reach out to me with any questions you may have or concerns regarding the direction of our section. I can be reached by email at daniel.bengtson@cattailcreekcc.com or by phone (301) 509-7951. I thank you all for taking the time to consider my candidacy and wish you all a prosperous rest of the golf season. I look forward to your potential vote this fall!

Warmest Regards,



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