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Dear 2024 Assistants Board of Directors,

My name is Tim Gaskin and I am an Assistant Golf Professional at Westchester Hills Golf Club. I have been working full time in the Met Section since graduating from Penn State University in 2015. I am running for the Met PGA Assistants Board of Directors because I believe through my experiences in this section I can help bring meaningful ideas and change to the organization. I want to be a voice for my fellow Assistant Professionals by representing the collective group's thoughts in a respectful, honest, and productive manner. Through my experiences at Century Country Club, Brae Burn Country Club, Trump National Westchester and Westchester Hills I have worked with a wide range of members & style of clubs. I bring a unique prospective as an Assistant Professional who has worked at member owned clubs, private owned clubs and a corporate managed club.

Although I have not been the biggest participant of the section events in the past I strongly feel that now is a critical time to make change for the future of our organization. I appreciate the consideration of my application. Below I have outlined a number of ideas & discussion topics I would like to bring to the Board:

- Concern over lack of PGA Professionals joining the industry. I believe this stems from the lack of understanding & advertising of the PGA Professional role.
- Pace of play in Assistant's tournament can be improved in order to gain more participation from our members.
- Continue to strive for higher compensation for PGA Professionals.
- Cast a wider net of host sites within the section to ensure Assistants continue to have a full tournament schedule.
- Host pre and post season social event (ex: happy hour, bowling, axe throwing, etc.) for Assistant Professionals to get to know each other. These events can help strengthen the bonds outside of a club environment.

We all have the same goal of wanting to promote the game of golf and the work we do. It is critical to keep allowing productive conversations during meetings to find out what others feel is and isn't working. We are all PGA Professionals because we love the game and want to see it grow.

Thank you for all of the work you have put in thus far to our section. It was exciting to see the turnout at the Spring meeting.

If you have any questions about my application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

Tim Gaskin, PGA