

My Intent to Run for Re-Election as IGBO Vice President

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This letter is to announce my intent to run for re-election as Vice President of IGBO.

My first term as Vice President has been quite the journey. After being elected in Reno 2 years ago, I have been working diligently with the rest of the Executive Board to make many advancements within IGBO. We have redesigned the website so that it is more user-friendly. I have worked with the Membership committee to write and publish articles for the News section of the website. I have sat in with several committees, including Membership, Bid Standards and Technology, to improve the benefits for our members, including the new IGBO registration software for tournaments. I continue to prepare the IGBO In Memoriam presentation for our Annuals. I have also implemented a yearly Tournament Summary for our tournaments to provide us with vital information about our events so that we can recognize the outstanding work that our tournaments do throughout the country. I will be presenting a report to our membership during the General Membership Meeting in Denver. We have many more things planned to roll out, including a new rewards program.

In 2025, I attended a total of 14 tournaments: Mermaid Classic, Sweetheart, Long Island, COMIC, GREAT, IGBO Annual Las Vegas, CAPIT, Rocket City, ORBIT, Chi-Town Classic, MIC, RIOT and CHIT, in addition to being Director of the Jersey Rainbow Classic! While it was A LOT of traveling, I enjoyed every minute of it! Meeting all of the Directors and committee members of all these tournaments and making new friends in different parts of the country, it was an absolute joy and reaffirmed why I chose to run. I love showing my support for tournaments, especially new ones. There are several tournaments I am looking to attend during my second term, and my goal is to GO WEST and do more tournaments out on the west coast. If anyone has any questions or would like to invite me to their event, please feel free to reach out.

When I ran 2 years ago, my goal was to have more recognition for our leagues and tournaments, to create a more collaborative atmosphere between tournaments, and to expand IGBO Annual by offering seminars to our bowlers. I would like to continue working with the E-Board to expand the reach of IGBO and the benefits we provide to all our bowlers. We have faced some obstacles along the way, but together we have pushed thru and are a better organization. I was so proud to be the first Latino Vice President in IGBO history and I still have so much more I'd like to accomplish. Thank you for all of the love and support you all have showed me. I'm just getting started!