

Dear Caribbean Members of the GCSAA,

I hope this message finds you well and ready for the high season. It has been a challenging year for many of us, with above-average rainfall and tropical storms. Opportunities to grow through adversity are ever-present in our industry, especially in the Caribbean. I appreciate you taking the time to read this update on the progress of the Caribbean Chapter of the GCSAA.

As many of you may recall, the Caribbean Chapter was chartered at the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in 2020, following extensive efforts by a dedicated team of industry professionals and the national GCSAA office. Unfortunately, this was immediately followed by the Covid-19 pandemic, which shifted our focus to protecting our teams, families, and ourselves, and as a result, the chapter's activities were put on hold.

Regrettably, during this time, the non-profit status of the chapter expired due to inactivity. Since the current board assumed leadership, we have been navigating various challenges with red tape and paperwork because of the chapter's hiatus during the pandemic.

That said, there is progress to report! Thanks to the efforts led by Ralph Dain, the chapter's regional GCSAA representative, alongside the chapter leadership and the dedicated team at GCSAA's national office, we are diligently working toward a resolution. The national office has offered their attorneys and accountants to assist in updating our legal status as a non-profit organization, and we expect to have more information to share in the coming months.

Once the chapter's status is fully restored, we will schedule our annual meeting, likely to be conducted digitally again. During this meeting, we will elect the next board of directors and plan for the future of the chapter. We are aiming for the meeting to take place in April or May of 2025. Additionally, the current board of directors will meet in person at the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show with GCSAA national leadership to finalize the reestablishment of the chapter and discuss the next steps for success.

We appreciate your patience and continued interest as we work through the lingering effects of the pandemic and set the stage for the chapter's future. Please feel free to reach out to me directly for further information or to discuss your involvement with the chapter.

Yours in service,



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