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Ladies National Golf Association

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Ladies National Golf Association Announces Board Changes *New Board Members Bring Diverse and Strategic Backgrounds*

St. Louis, Missouri. The Ladies National Golf Association (LNGA) announces the appointment of four new members to their Board of Directors. Lina Elias (Jacksonville, Florida), Tobi Herron (Columbus, Indiana), Sally Bishop (Stamford, Connecticut), and Chris Gaughan (Springfield, Oregon) recently joined the organization. Longtime Board Member Sally Tomlinson has transitioned off the Board.

LNGA Board President Nancy Sebastian shared more about the new slate of Board Members, “as our organization has grown, operations have become increasingly complex, and we have more of a global player base. We are thrilled that Lina, Tobi, Sally, and Chris have agreed to join our Board. They all can think strategically and have industry leading skills. They also bring excellent golf backgrounds and more importantly - they have a passion for promoting women’s golf and giving women high profile competition opportunities. We also want to thank Sally Tomlinson for her contributions to the LNGA during her time on the Board.”

Lina Elias brings an extensive background in golf production and visual operations management. Lina’s work includes producing at some of the biggest events in the golf world including PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, and multiple Major championships. Lina was previously a member of the Georgia State Women’s Golf Team.

Tobi Herron joins the board with a diverse background in business, including owning her own consulting firm. She has served on several golf related Boards and helped start a local First Tee chapter in her hometown. Tobi was previously a member of the University of Missouri Women’s Golf Team.

Sally Bishop brings a professional background that includes working for a big four public accounting firm serving audit clients primarily in manufacturing industries and advising audit teams on complex technical accounting matters. She currently works as a Practice Fellow at the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Sally was previously a member of the Georgia State Women’s Golf Team.

Chris Gaughan brings an extensive background in turf management and was the long tenured Golf Course Superintendent at Eugene Country Club (Eugene, Oregon). He is a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS), a designation that less than 10% of superintendents achieve. Chris has a strong background in tournament preparation, hosting and working inside the ropes, including three years as a professional caddy on the LPGA.

Incoming Board Member Lina Elias shared, “I am honored to be a part of the LNGA and am excited to use my production talents to share more about our participants and their unique backgrounds. We have so many great stories to spotlight”.

ABOUT THE LADIES NATIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION (LNGA)

The LNGA is a national volunteer women's amateur golf association founded in 1927 to promote amateur golf and good sportsmanship. LNGA events are hosted at venues across the United States and our past champions have gone on to be LPGA Hall of Fame Members, Major Winners, and Solheim and Curtis Cup Team Players and Captains. The LNGA Amateur, the Women's Mid-Amateur, and the Senior Women's Amateur qualify for World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) points. LNGA is proud to have the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association (St. Louis, Missouri) as its USGA Allied Golf Partner.

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