



**MICHIGAN SECTION PGA  
2022 FALL MEETING  
Detroit Golf Club  
October 24, 2022**

President Dean Kolstad called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Dean welcomed special guests legal counsel John Allen, PGA Vice President John Lindert, Career Services Consultant Todd Smith, Greg Johnson, media consultant and all Past Presidents.

Dean thanked Tim Briand of Foresight Sports and PGA National Resort & Spa for sponsoring the meeting. He also appointed Gene Bone II, Jim Dennis and Rolla Frisinger as Sargent at Arms.

John Allen read the first half of the rules of how the meeting will be conducted.

Therese Rose sang a beautiful rendition of the national anthem.

Rolla Frisinger administered the invocation and remembered deceased Michigan PGA Members Steve Gura, Thom Rosely, Larry Wardo, and former Executive Director Ken Devine.

**President's Report**

President Dean Kolstad talked about the following:

- Thanked and recognized outgoing board members Greg Babinec, Kelly Kuhlman, Dave Mocini, Jeff O'Malley and Andre Pillow.
- He also acknowledged Al Lopez as the longest serving PGA Member who was elected November 7, 1957 and worked his entire career at Sunnybrook Golf Club until his retirement in 2015.
- Thanked all Committee chairs, Officers, Board of Directors, and Section staff for their dedication to the membership.
- Thanked staff for their assistance during the Senior PGA Championship.
- Thanked Justin Phillips for handling our events and any weather-related issues.
- Communication with Chapter leaders went well and hope to continue into next season.
- Later on in this meeting, there will be a Past President and Player of the Year panel moderated by Greg Johnson.
- George Bowman and Dean are continuing to work on putting together a hockey game fundraiser for PGA REACH Michigan Foundation with golf professionals playing against the Red Wing alumni team.
- PGA Annual Meeting is November 1-5 with the officers and Kevin Helm attending. Looking forward to the election of Michigan PGA Member John Lindert as the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of the PGA of America. What started out as three candidates for National Secretary is now down to Nathan Charnes as the sole candidate.
- National Day of Hope fundraising window is October 11-November 11. We will be conducting a raffle so for every \$10 donated you get a ticket to win prizes. Money raised will support PGA HOPE programming in Michigan and PGA REACH will match up to \$5,000.
- PGA Merchandise Show is January 23-27, 2023.
- Michigan PGA is returning to Miami, Florida this January for the Trump National Doral Pro Am presented by Anderson Ord.
- PGA Frisco is officially open with staff now working there.
- Congratulated Michigan PGA Member Kim Moore, the Western Michigan University golf coach, who won the first US Adaptive Open.

*Motion was made and seconded for the delegates to the Annual Meeting go uninstructed. Motion carried.*

### **Vice President's Report**

Executive Director Kevin Helm reviewed investments through the third quarter. Account balances at the end of third quarter were \$1,394,754 for the General Fund and \$76,339 for the Foundation Fund. Kevin reviewed the year-to-date budget summary through three quarters.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Dan Urban reviewed new members, quarter century and half century members. He also congratulated:

- Michigan PGA Member Kim Moore who won the first US Adaptive Open.
- John Molenda and Roger Van Dyke as the 2022 Michigan PGA Hall of Fame inductees. They were inducted at the President's Dinner October 23, 2022, at Western Golf & Country Club.

### **Dues Increase Vote**

Honorary President Bob Bales explained the dues voting procedure. *A motion was made and seconded to restructure dues for Life Member Retired and Life Member Master Retired from \$50 to \$125, Retired Members from \$50 to \$125, and Life Member Active and Life Member Master Active from \$125 to \$150.* Discussion then took place. A vote was taken, and the dues increase passed with a two-thirds vote of eligible voting members. *Motion passed.*

### **At-Large Director Election**

Honorary President Bales talked about the At-Large Director election. A vote followed with Brian Corwin, Kelly Kuhlman, Kevin McKinley, Logan Simmonds and Ward Sutton being elected. Bob administered the oath of office to the five newly elected at-large directors.

### **PGA of America Vice President's Report**

John Lindert spoke of the following:

- Thanked outgoing District 5 Director Brian Jones and knows incoming District 5 Director Steve Parker will do a great job.
- A Regional Member Support Model has been developed to provide additional support for Sections in Career Services, Section Business Operations, Recruitment, Player Development, ExecuSearch and Finance. This model will take the current field teams and align them in seven defined regions.
- Deferred compensation has a \$5,000,000 cap total or \$1,500 per individual member. This will be a very difficult process and it won't be without challenges. It will be rolled out, reviewed and refined over the first few years.
- Attended the President's Cup which was a win for the United States. Also went to Rome ahead of the 2023 Ryder Cup. The city of Rome is behind the event 100%.
- PGA Jr. League continues its great momentum and is on pace for another record-breaking year in 2022 despite some challenges with course access
- Spent time with students at Mississippi State University, which has the largest incoming freshman class to date.
- The PGA's proactive recruiting efforts falls under the purview of the Career Services team. By the end of the year, we will have seven recruiters placed regionally around the country to create awareness of the myriad of career opportunities in the industry as well as promote the value of PGA membership.
- National Club Championship has exceeded expectations, although only twelve participated from Michigan.
- Two resolutions being brought forth at the PGA Annual Meeting: Resolution 1 – Addition of Inclusion Statement; and Resolution 2 – Combined 18-hole score PAT regulation ([click here for the full Resolution explanations](#)).
- PGA Frisco headquarters is complete with the grand opening held in August.

- Ongoing COO search with assistance from a headhunter firm. PGA is looking to bring back the position held previously by Darrell Crall until December 2019. There will be a committee to go through the resumes.

### **Foresight Sports**

Tim Briand gave a brief presentation on Foresight Sports, a multi-year sponsor of the Michigan PGA.

### **Career Services Consultant**

Todd Smith talked about the following:

- Congratulated the Michigan PGA on celebrating 100 years. He stated the Section has a rich history of major tournaments.
- The goal for the PGA Compensation Survey is 75% completion, with Michigan currently at 46.2%.
- Improve work/life balance for all members as employers
- As far as getting Associates into the industry, if every Michigan PGA Member found one person and helped them get started in the industry, we would no longer have a labor shortage in Michigan (or in the golf industry).
- Treat the members of your team with respect.
- Complete your job preferences on PGA.org.

### **Tournament Report**

Chair Jeff Rachar highlighted the following:

- The Michigan PGA is returning to Miami, Florida this January for the Trump National Doral Pro Am presented by Anderson Ord.
- Congratulations to the 2022 major winners:
  - Jake Kneen–Hall Financial Michigan Open Championship
  - Kyle Martin–Michigan PGA Championship
  - Brett White-Tournament of Champions
  - Kosta Ramirez–Match Play Championship presented by PGA Tour and Rolex Player of the Year

### **Recognize 2022 Special Award Winners**

Brian Sanderson recognized the following:

Assistant Professional of the Year– Lauren Strong  
 Bill Strausbaugh-Doug Kreis  
 Golf Executive of the Year-Kevin McKinley  
 Distinguished Service Award-Doug Dingwall  
 Merchandiser of the Year-Private-Kyle Horton  
 Merchandiser of the Year-Public-Ian Ziska  
 Merchandiser of the Year-Resort-Gary Lewandowski  
 Patriot Award-Doug Bell  
 Player Development Award-Kelly Kuhlman  
 Player of the Year-Kosta Ramirez  
 Professional Development Award-John Lindert  
 Teacher & Coach of the Year-Brian Cairns  
 Youth Player Development Award-Rolla Frisinger  
 Golf Professional of the Year -Jeff O'Malley

They were celebrated and received their plaques at the President's Dinner Sunday evening at Western Golf & Country Club.

### **PGA Merchandise Show**

A brief slide show was shown regarding the 2023 PGA Merchandise Show to be held January 24-27, 2023 in Orlando. Further information can be found at [www.pgashow.com](http://www.pgashow.com).

**Old Business**

None submitted.

**New Business**

None submitted.

**Centennial Celebration**

President Kolstad introduced Greg Johnson who moderated 2 panels that covered our history, memories and insight into the industry then and now.

Past President panel consisted of Jim Dewling, Jim Roschek and Kevin McKinley. The Past Players of the Year panel were Jack Seltzer, Dave Kendall and Scott Hebert.

Following the panel discussions, everyone was invited to a cocktail party in the Ross Grille Patio & Bar.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10PM