

## 2025 Bill Strausbaugh Award Candidate Bio Form

Please submit this form no later than **Friday, October 4, 2024 at 4pm.**

Email \*

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Name of Nominee: \*

Mark Wilson

Facility Employed at: \*

Ferris State University PGA Golf Management Program

Year Elected to Membership: \*

1984

Please describe your involvement and contributions through mentoring PGA of America Professionals and Associates and illustrate the significant impact on their careers in 250 words or less: \*

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the 2025 Bill Strausbaugh Award. Throughout my career, in 31 years as the Head Golf Professional at Watermark Country Club and in 12 years at Ferris State University, mentorship and helping fellow PGA Professionals has been extremely important to me. At the Club, I had the privilege of hiring many Assistant Professionals and interns, who are now Assistant and Head Professionals throughout the country.

At Ferris State, I have had the chance to work with over 375 students since 2012. I have helped students in the classroom with PGA History, Constitution, Rules of Golf, Business Planning and Golf Instruction. I have helped countless students with questions about their PGA Work Experience Activities on all subject matters, and helped them to become our golf professionals of the future.

Please describe the characteristics you possess relative to your overall integrity and recognition as a person of outstanding character and furthered the values representative of the PGA in 250 words or less: \*

As a 34-year member of the PGA Rules Committee, including six years as Chairman, I have tried to inspire others to become involved with the activities or committees that are part their Association. In addition to being an instructor at 47 National PGA/USGA Rules Workshops, I have spoken to groups from PGA Sections and State Golf Associations around the country.

Please describe your level of service to your chapter, the Michigan Section and/or to the PGA of America in 250 words or less: \*

I have served on the Western Chapter Board and also held all Chapter Offices and well as serving two terms on The Michigan Section PGA Board of Directors. In addition, I have served as Section Rules Chairman since 1989.

Please describe the influence you've had on PGA Professionals and/or Facility operators in regard to employment in 250 words or less: \*

At Ferris State, I have worked actively with employers to assist them in finding current students for internship positions and graduating seniors for full time positions. Ferris State places individuals in all facets of the business including public, private and resort facilities as well as golf management companies and various allied industries. This is done on campus during interview days, but is an ongoing process as well.

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List any other PGA Section or National Awards you've received and the year(s) you received them (50 word limit): \*

2008 National Horton Smith/Professional Development Award; Section Horton Smith/Professional Development Award 1990, 93, 94, 95, 96, 2006, 2008; Section Bill Strausbaugh Award 2007, 2020, 2023. Michigan PGA Hall of Fame 2011.

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