

Mr. President,

I would first like to thank my fellow board members Brandon Dean, Brian Corwin, and Joe Hatch for all their efforts in making our chapter better in 2026. We have met 3 times this winter to discuss the following important topics to present to our membership at our spring meeting.

First, we will start this season with a budget deficit of \$3000. This is due to an accounting error made with the payout of our 2025 Chapter Championship. Our first action plan was to update our accounting procedure. Brandon Dean and I have updated the process in which we track result payouts for each event, reserve funds for the chapter championship, dues, and sponsorship. Our goal is to make this process much simpler for board members in the future and to assure this type of error doesn't happen again.

We are hoping that we can make up for this deficit gradually throughout our season by all our usual means. We have made more of a commitment to secure additional sponsors, created a very inviting tournament schedule that will hopefully boost our participation, and have a plan for better communication with the membership on all the activities of the chapter. After a season using golf genius, we will rely a bit more on this tool to keep all of our members informed.

We have completely updated our rules and regulations and are ready to submit the changes to our membership for discussion and voting. I have attached the working document showing the changes that were made as well as the most updated clean version for the section website. A majority of the revisions were just housekeeping items; the last full revision was done in 2019. Since then, we have changed and updated the rules & regs with the new registration process and results posting now with golf genius, updated the opportunities that each member has in regard to sponsorship opportunities, the changes made with sponsorship requirement for host sites, updated all handicap policies for amateurs, and will be requiring all professionals to use live scoring during all chapter events. We will be providing members with the amended rules and regs prior to our spring meeting for their review. Special thanks to Kevin McKinley for helping us with this process as well.

We also created a survey to reach out to our members for feedback on how to improve the chapter going forward. Joe Hatch has led this endeavor scheduled to be sent out this week. We are hoping to get some insight on how the members see the chapter now and ideas on how we can improve going forward. We will review responses and share with our members at the spring meeting.

I look forward to our upcoming Michigan Section Board of Directors meeting and welcome any feedback to allow our Northern Chapter to flourish in 20026!

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Wilson, NMPGA President