

At-Large Director Candidate Bio

Deadline to submit this form is Monday, September 28, 2026 at 5PM.

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Name of Candidate *

John Breedlove

Year Elected to Membership *

2021

Past service or involvement (i.e., Committees served on, Chapter or Section involvement) *

While I have not previously served on a PGA committee, I have significant committee and service experience from my military career that I believe would translate well to serving the Michigan PGA Section.

During my military service, I participated in the Family Readiness Group, which supported soldiers and their families before and during unit deployments to Afghanistan. I also served with the Army Physical Fitness Reconditioning Program, supporting wounded soldiers as they recovered from injury and prepared to return to military service. Additionally, I participated on the Downed Aircraft Recovery Team (DART), which was responsible for the recovery of military aircraft in Afghanistan.

These experiences taught me the importance of service, teamwork, preparation, accountability, and working toward a common objective. While my committee experience has not previously been within the PGA, I am eager to bring these skills to the Michigan PGA and actively contribute wherever the Section and its members need me.

Briefly describe why you are seeking to be elected to serve on the Board of Directors *

I am seeking election to the Michigan PGA Section Board of Directors because I believe deeply in the mission of the PGA of America: to establish and elevate the standards of the golf profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf. I have no personal agenda beyond serving our members and helping the Section remain focused on that mission. At times, I believe we can drift from these core principles in pursuit of other priorities, and I want to help keep our focus where it belongs: serving the members and growing the game.

My career has given me a unique combination of leadership, education, professional development, and golf industry experience that I believe can contribute to that effort. My military service, including leading a squad of soldiers in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, taught me the importance of leadership, accountability, teamwork, and putting the needs of those you serve first. My master's degree in Sports Management from the University of Georgia and my published academic work in the International Journal of Golf Science have further shaped my understanding of the golf industry and the profession.

Professionally, I have had the opportunity to help lead Oakland Hills Country Club through one of the most challenging periods in its history during the construction and opening of its new clubhouse, while simultaneously developing a junior golf program that now serves more than 200 junior golfers. I also created our Golf Professional Development Program, a structured program designed to develop PGM interns and Assistant Professionals as they pursue careers in the golf industry.

These experiences have prepared me to contribute to the Michigan PGA in meaningful ways. My only goal in seeking a position on the Board is to use my experience, perspective, and skill set to serve the Section and its membership, while helping advance our shared mission to serve the members and grow the game.

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