



On behalf of the Gateway PGA, it is my pleasure to welcome the 2017 Gateway PGA awards process to all active Class A members of the Gateway PGA Section! Nominations for the 2017 awards year commenced on **Monday, July 12** and all Class A Gateway PGA Members should have received an electronic ballot via email.

I encourage each Class A members to strongly consider nominating a deserving Gateway PGA Professional/s for an award/s. We ask that you please provide a brief explanation on why you have nominated a PGA professional for a particular award. Your explanation will help the awards committee with the process of selecting the nominees. Please be aware that Gateway PGA Professionals cannot win the same award in consecutive years.

For your reference, the nomination process and timeline are included below. Please make a note that **all nominations must be made by Wednesday, July 26 by 11:59 pm.**

Sincerely,

**Mike Suhre, Gateway PGA Awards Chairmen**

### **Nominations – Non-Playing Awards:**

- All nominated PGA Professionals, in good standing, are eligible for the award. The only exception is the immediate past winner of the Award
- Nominations may be made by class A Gateway PGA Professionals in good standing.
- Along with the name of the Nominee, you are asked to provide a reason for the nomination
- Class A Gateway PGA Professionals may Nominate themselves for an Award

### **Awards Committee:**

- The awards committee will be chaired by the immediate past Gateway PGA Professional of the Year – Michael Suhre, PGA
- Each Non-Playing Award will have its own Committee and will be made up of individuals meeting at least one of the following criteria:
  - The Immediate Past Winner (**CHAIR of AWARD**)
  - A Past President
  - A Life Member
  - A Past Winner
  - A Gateway PGA Board Member and/or relevant Committee Chair
- All eligibly selected committee members may reserve the right to step down as a committee member in the event that they are nominated for the award. They must step down in the event that they choose to pursue the award

### **Selection Process:**

- All Nominated Gateway PGA Members, in good standing, will be sent a questionnaire to be completed for further consideration
- The assembled committee will choose up to five (5) nominated professionals to be considered. The selection will be based off of the answers to the questionnaire, individual criteria spelled out for each award and any follow-up interviews with the judging committee.

#### **Non-Voting Award**

- The up to five (5) finalists will be called, interviewed, and/or sent an additional questionnaire. The committee will vote on the up to five (5) finalist until a winner has been selected

#### **Voting Award/s**

- The up to five (5) finalists will be presented to the Class A Members of the Gateway PGA for a vote. The nominee with the most votes will be selected

**Playing Award/s**

- All playing awards will be based off of the final point standings for the following divisions: Regular, Senior, Super Senior, Assistant, and Ladies.

**2017 Gateway PGA Awards Timeline:**

<b>July 12:</b>	Electronic nomination ballot sent to all Class A Members in good standing
<b>July 26:</b>	Deadline for Gateway PGA Professionals to submit nominations
<b>July 26-28:</b>	Award Questionnaires will be sent to all nominated PGA Professionals who meet the eligibility requirements
<b>August 18:</b>	Deadline for questionnaires to be returned.  The Section sends the questionnaire and "bio" info to the appropriate judging groups
<b>September 18:</b>	Nominee questionnaires sent to the Class A membership for voting on the Gateway PGA Professional, Assistant Professional of the Year, and Sales Representatives of the Year.
<b>September 25:</b>	Deadline to vote for Gateway PGA Professional, Assistant Professional of the Year, and Sales Representatives of the Year.  The judging groups are to recommend the winner(s) to the Gateway PGA Board of Directors.
<b>December 3:</b>	Awards Gala– Old Hickory Golf Club