

2025 Gateway PGA Fall Membership Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025 | Bogey Hills Country Club

8:31am | Call Meeting to Order | Gideon Smith

- President Gideon Smith Called the Meeting
- Presentation of Colors by the Color Guard from VFW Post 577
- Singing of the National Anthem by Lori Moomey
- Gideon asked Brian Maine to provide the invocation.
- Gideon Smith provided opening Remarks – Welcomed Guests and thanked sponsors and staff.

Scotland Golf Tours | Angus Watson

- Gideon welcomed Presenting Sponsor: Angus Watson from Scotland Golf Tours.
- Angus provided an overview of what Scotland golf tour provides, and he looks forward to working
- with the Gateway Section Professionals.

Membership Recognitions | Andy Crowe

- Gideon welcomed Secretary Andy Crowe to recognize Membership Milestones,
- Accomplishments, Recognitions, and Honors.
- Andy acknowledged the passing of two Gateway PGA members since our last meeting:
 - Miles Horton
 - Andy provided a brief history of Miles Horton's history with the Gateway PGA.
 - Jim Miali
 - Andy asked Jimmy Bals to come forward to say a few words about Jim Miali.
- Andy recognized & congratulated several members who have earned the Specialized
- Professional Certifications since our last meeting:
 - Kevin Corn of Innsbrook Resort earned his Specialized Professional in Golf Operations
 - Ray Farnell of Whitmoor CC earned his Specialized Professional in Teaching & Coaching
 - Janean Murphy of Meadowbrook CC earned her Specialized Professional in Teaching & Coaching
- Andy then recognized a few members who have reached the Quarter Century Membership
 - Kevin Dunn of Jefferson City CC
 - Ryan Martin of CC of St Albans
 - Larry Salsman of Osage National GC
- Andy recognized the PGA LEAD program and Emily Van Rie, who was recently selected for the 10th National PGA LEAD cohort.
- Marvin Herrod, a cohort of the 8 th PGA LEAD program, launched a Gateway Section-based program with monthly virtual sessions.

- Andy then recognized a Member of our Gateway PGA Section who won a - Mike Suhre was honored as the 2025 National Youth Player Development Award Winner.
 - A video of Mike Suhre was shared with the group.

50th Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Panel

- 50th Anniversary Pro-Am will be held at CC of St Albans
- The mid-year social event is planned
- 50th Anniversary Book
- Social Media will share historical highlights throughout the year
- Emcee: Grant Masson led a Panel discussion
- Panel led by Grant Masson (Panelists included Terry Grosch, Jesse Narge, Joe Schwent)

Gateway Golf Society | Adam Betz

- Adam shared updates regarding the Gateway Golf Society
- Gateway Golf Society was reintroduced and relaunched this year to create memorable golfing experiences for PGA Golf Professionals and their guests through exclusive events, curated playing opportunities, and unique access events across our region.
- It was shared how the Gateway Golf Society can benefit our members.

Member Section Operations | Mike O'Donnell

- Gideon returns to the podium to introduce Mike O'Donnell of Member Section Operations
- Mike shared insights about the MSO department and how it supports both PGA Members and Sections.
- Audience Q&A followed

District 7 Update | Mike O'Donnell

- Gideon returns to the Podium to introduce District 7 Director: Sean Hanna Video Address.

PGA REACH Gateway | Michael Suhre

- Gideon returned to the Podium to introduce Mike Suhre to discuss PGA REACH Gateway
- Mike provided a recap of 2025 and recognized PGA members who supported PGA REACH Gateway through philanthropic efforts.
- Mike discussed decreased funding from the PGA of America across all pillars, which impacted PGA HOPE and PGA jr League scholarships.
- Mike expects funding to be about the same level for 2026 as it was for 2025 – Gateway PGA is working hard to fundraise locally so we can deliver programs
- PGA HOPE served 278 Veterans and Active-Duty participants so far in 2025.
- PGA ABLE continues to expand and has a new partnership with the Special Olympics
- Monthly clinics continue at Cardinal Glennon
- Strong feedback from Ranken Jordan continues with plans to host quarterly camps
- Gateway PGA Junior Tour – Presented by Family Golf & Learning Center
 - The PGA Junior Tour reached 892 players in 2025.

- Many events had waitlists, and the popular venues
- Plans for 2026 include:
 - Updating Membership levels and pricing
 - Increasing Tournament Entry fees – first in 4 years
 - Adding more 18-hole events in the summer
- Drive Chip & Putt – Special congratulations to Andrew Brown for St Louis Cc for qualifying for 2026
- PGA WORKS Fellow: Claire Calabro completed her fellowship with the Gateway PGA and is heading to the Southern Texas Section as Junior Golf Coordinator

BMW Championship | Michael Tucker

- Gideon returned to the Podium to introduce Mike Tucker, Bellerive Director of Golf, to talk about the 2026 BMW Championship at Bellerive CC
- Mike shared opportunities regarding the upcoming BMW Championship and volunteer opportunities

Sterling Cut Glass & Imperial | Charlie Keil

- Gideon heads to the Podium to introduce Charley Kiel, Supporting Sponsor; Sterling Cut Glass and Imperial. Charlie thanked the PGA professional for their support and how they are grateful for the strong relationships he has forged with so many PGA Professionals.

11:17am | Business Meeting Call to Order

- Approval of 3/31/2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- 1st: RJ Villafuerte & 2nd: Matt Gindler

Executive Directors Report | Ali Wells

- Ali provided an update regarding the Gateway PGA Consumer Marketing Strategy and Database Growth Plan.
- Ali touched on PGA Coach and e-newsletters, seeing stronger click-through
- Ali shared that multiple new sponsors have committed to joining us in 2026
- Ali shared an overview that PGA MyShop is now live and available to all PGA Facilities
- Ali thanked the facilities for their participation in the Facility Database collection and supported the section in achieving 100% participation – All 566 facilities have updated information in the system

Secretary's Report | Andy Crowe

- Andy recognized new members since the 2025 Spring Meeting
 - Ray Farnell, Whitmore CC
 - Sophie Faulkner, Bellerive CC
 - David Mueller, Meadowbrook CC
 - Janean Murphy, Meadowbrook CC
 - Kyle Szyhowski, Norwood Hills CC
- Andy recognized the New Associates since the 2025 Spring Meeting (See List)
- Andy shared the new PDR cycle and the Key Changes:
 - New PDR cycle is 2025-2028

- Several categories are being combined into one “Required” PDR category
- In-Person attendance at Section Meetings and education will now receive double credit
- Section mentoring Programs are now approved Required PDR credit
- Player Engagement Programs have been clarified and cleaned up
- National Assistants Championship Eligibility has been updated to include All Associates who have completed Level 1 of the PGA Associate Program. A-8 assistant Professionals remain the ONLY Class “A”s eligible for the Assistant PGA Professional Championship. This goes into effect in 2026.

Vice President's Report | Adam Betz

- Adam shared that the 2025 financials will be shared and reviewed at the 2026 Spring Meeting
- Adam reminded everyone about the upcoming 2025 Teaching & Coaching Summit
 - Details: Monday, December 8th at Old Hickory Golf Club – Cost \$125
- Adam reminded PGA Professionals about the Deferred Compensation program
 - Currently, 36 Gateway members have 200 or more points, and there is still time to earn points. By comparison, 43 earned Deferred Comp last year and 39 in the first plan year
- Adam shared comments regarding the PGA Annual Meeting, Ryder Cup recap, PGAHQ realignment and PGA Member benefits at PGA Frisco

President's Report | Gideon Smith

- Gideon shared his thoughts about the annual meeting – to include District Director nomination process – Omni Benefits shared at PGA Annual Meeting in Frisco
- Gideon shared the BOD's process regarding the upcoming Strategic Planning session, and the BOD will provide an update at the 2026 Spring Meeting
- Gideon shared the upcoming changes to the Awards & Hall of Fame Banquet to be held on Sunday, March 29th, at Olde Hickory Golf Club, the evening after the Spring Meeting

Motion to accept the Officer & Executive Director reports

- 1st: Brett Moomey & 2nd: Tim Davenport

New Business & Open Forum

- Marvin Herrod spoke briefly about PGA LEAD Gateway education events coming up between November and March
- Jeffrey Field spoke briefly about the Iron Sharpens Iron FCA group and upcoming meeting dates.

11:56am | Call Meeting to Close

- 1st: Morgan Gonzales & 2nd: Joe Schwent

President's Closing Comments

- Gideon's Acknowledgement of the upcoming 50th anniversary
- Gideon Thanked the Presenting & Supporting Sponsors
- Gideon thanked Bogey Hills CC and staff for their hospitality and hosting today's event

- Gideon encouraged members to enjoy lunch, connect with fellow professionals, and sponsors