



# PGA

Michigan Section

## BIO OF SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATE

Name of Nominee: Kevin McKinley \_\_\_\_\_

Year Elected to Membership: 2002 \_\_\_\_\_

Award Nominated for: Bill Strausbaugh Award \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your achievements/accomplishments that would pertain to this award:

The Bill Strausbaugh Award is given to a PGA Professional who makes significant contributions through mentoring fellow PGA Professionals, Apprentices and PGM Students. In addition, the individual should be a person of outstanding integrity can character, displays a high level of service to the Section, Association and the game of golf and has been recognized with previous awards for non-golf community involvement. I feel that I embody these characteristics in the following ways:

- **Mentoring** – Former employees of mine have moved on to some great positions:
  - 2 current General Managers
  - 11 current Head Golf Professionals
  - 3 current Directors of Instruction (all three have been awarded teacher of the year in their respective sections)
  - 1 current employee of the AT&T Byron Nelson Classic and another with Pinehurst
- **Level of Service to our Section and Association** – I have served concurrently for the past 13 years at all levels including all officer chairs with the Northern Chapter of the Michigan Section, at large board position, committee positions, Secretary and Vice President of the Michigan Section and sat on the Inclusion Committee for the PGA of America. Some highlights of my service include enhancing the MI PGA Hall of Fame process as chairman of that committee for two years, authored and delivered a Michigan Section Orientation program at chapter meetings and Ferris State University and assisting in creating the job scope for Michigan Section's first Player Development Coordinator.
- **Golf Awards**
  - 3- Time Michigan Section Patriot Award Winner
  - 2017 PGA of America Patriot Award Winner
  - 2017 Michigan Section Golf Professional of the Year
- **Integrity, Character and non-golf awards** - Being recognized by individuals and groups outside of the Association is certainly commensurate with this criterion. Some of these honors include:
  - **Otsego County Businessperson of the Year**
  - **Leadership Otsego County Graduate and Mentor**
  - **Otsego County Community Foundation Grant Committee Chairman**
  - **Michigan Army National Guard Outstanding Civilian of the Year**

- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Award of Excellence**
- **Department of Military and Veteran Affairs Legion of Merit Medal**
- **Gaylord Golf Mecca Chairman**
- **One of 10 “local stars” raising funds for Otsego Memorial Hospital in their first ever Dancing with the Stars.**