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Welcome to the KPGA Fall Member Conference! I hope that you are able to get some down time after the very busy fall season with the record-setting warmth throughout the state. The “off-season” is a perfect time to recharge the batteries and look at ways to better yourself and your operation. Pick out at least one area you feel like you can improve your knowledge base in and become the expert in that area!

As you may know in a surprising last-minute development, a federal court judge in Texas issued a preliminary injunction that temporarily blocks the U.S. Department of Labor’s (USDOL’s) overtime rule that was scheduled to take place on December 1st. The November 22nd ruling is a preliminary injunction, not a permanent one, and it does not necessarily mean the new rule will be gone forever. In fact, the Department of Labor may appeal the decision on an expedited basis. The PGA and KPGA will keep you updated as more information is passed down. We were scheduled to have an employment attorney speak to our members at the Fall Member Conference but decided to postpone that presentation to see what transpires with this rule.

We are very excited to have Rick Grayson, PGA, share his knowledge and best practices regarding Youth Development. Rick is the Teaching Professional at the Connie Morris Golf Learning Center at Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield, Missouri. He has been a member of the PGA for 35 years, and his passion for the game and specifically Youth Golf Development is contagious. Rick’s resume of accomplishments is plentiful and includes a PGA of America National Award as Junior Golf Leader in 2011. He has won this same award at the Section level four times and has also won the Mid-West Section Teacher of the Year on five different occasions. Rick has written several articles and books on Junior Golf and is always looking to share his energy on this particular topic. We welcome Rick to the Kentucky Section and look forward to him sharing his best practices and ideas on junior golf with us.

Looking ahead, Todd Sammons with the PGA of America will be in town offering KPGA Professionals continuing education and the opportunity to become a Certified Professional in a specific career path. The Teaching Certification program will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday (December 6th and 7th) at Golf House in Louisville. If you are interested in becoming certified in Golf Operations, Todd will be back on January 9th and 10th at Golf House offering this certification program so, please go online and sign up today! Continuing Education and Certification is a great way to further your education and allow you to be an even larger asset to your facility!

The Education Committee is finalizing the 2017 Winter Workshops and will be communicating the seminar topics and details very soon. The 2017 Spring Teaching Summit will take place at Keene Run on Tuesday, March 14th which is the day after the KPGA Spring Meeting. We are excited to announce that



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Joseph Mayo will be the feature guest speaker and we will communicate the rest of the agenda as we finalize the Teaching Summit. Thanks to Larry Ward for his gracious hospitality for hosting the Teaching Summit.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of our Education Committee for their efforts in providing our section the tools and resources to be better every day at what we do. A big thank you to Jack Sauers, Ross Lingenfelder, Josh Snider, and Will Schneider for their assistance in serving our Section. Also, thanks to our KPGA staff for always being available and willing to do what is needed.

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