



SPECIAL AWARDS REPORT

The primary focus of the Special Awards Committee for 2017 is to enhance the awards presentation at the Spring Member Conference. Feedback from membership and past awards winners have been consistent – Special Awards need to be Special. To that end, a subcommittee was formed this year to explore ways to enhance the experience of the Ceremony for KPGA Members and apprentices and especially for award winners and their family and friends. With the assistance of the Board of Directors, the Committee was able to identify many ways to make the Special Awards Ceremony more memorable and something we all look forward to each year.

Beginning this Spring, the Special Awards Ceremony will take place during lunch of the Member Conference. Recipients will be notified a few weeks prior to the meeting that they will be receiving an award. This provides them the opportunity to invite family, friends, mentors, and members to attend the ceremony. It also gives them a chance to enrich their nomination packet before submitting it to The PGA for National Award consideration. The KPGA will cover the cost of up to two guests of each award winner to attend the lunch, but these outstanding individuals can certainly invite as many people as they wish to celebrate their achievements. This will be a more formal plated lunch and there will be other enhancements made to the Ceremony presentation that we are excited to share.

Another change you may have noticed is if you nominated someone for a Special Award this season, you were asked to provide a reason for your nomination. We find this is key in allowing the nominees to complete a more robust nomination packet. We sincerely appreciate everyone's participation in the nomination process. This year we received 91 nominations and to date have had very few packets submitted. There will be a reminder sent to all nominated individuals as well as a reminder at the Fall Member Conference that the packets are due December 12, 2016. Please encourage anyone you nominated to complete their forms by next week.

It is an honor to serve as the Chair of this Committee, and I look forward to gathering with the rest of the Committee next month to select our 2017 award winners.

Respectfully submitted,

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