



# The William Sansom Distinguished Service Award

## **Purpose:**

“To recognize outstanding contributions made towards the advancement of the golf course superintendent’s profession”.

The Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association (OGSA) shall present an award of Distinguished Service (in the name of our first President William Sansom) to an individual or individuals, providing such an individual(s) is/are properly nominated and subsequently accepted by the Board of Directors of the association.

## **Nominations:**

Any two members of the OGSA, currently in good standing, may jointly nominate an individual(s). Evidence of substantiation must accompany the nomination. Nominations are to be sent to OGSA’s Executive Office. The nomination form will be of standard format as agreed upon by the Board of Directors from time to time. The nominee shall also agree to let his/her name stand for consideration.

A call for nominations will go out to members at least 90 days prior to the Fall Board meeting.

Copies of the nomination and all supportive evidence shall be submitted to the entire Board of Directors for their perusal prior to the Fall Board of Directors meeting. All nominations will be placed on the agenda of the fall meeting to be considered for selection by the Board of Directors.

All Distinguished Service Award nominations and supporting materials submitted to OGSA’s Board of Directors become the sole property of OGSA and are to be kept in the strictest confidence. Requests for copies of nominations or supporting materials cannot be fulfilled.

After a winner is selected, the remaining candidates' applications will be kept on record, and will be subsequently considered for selection for a period of two years.

## **Qualifications:**

The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course superintendent’s profession in Ontario. The contribution must be significant in both substance and duration. The outstanding contribution may be, or have been, national or regional in nature and this contribution must be held in the highest regard and reflect credit upon our profession.

The nominee must not have been a recipient of this award during the preceding ten (10) years.

## **Eligibility:**

- Current members of the OGSA Board of Directors and their immediate families are ineligible to receive the Distinguished Service Award.
- All nominations are to be attested by two current OGSA members in good standing.
- Non-members, including educators and industry affiliates may be considered for nomination.
- The nominee must be living. There will be no posthumous awards considered.



**Judging:**

The Board of Directors of OGSA shall be the sole judge of the nominee's qualifications to receive the award. A two-thirds majority is required of the Board of Directors to bestow the DSA to any nominee(s).

**Presentation:**

The award will be presented during the annual awards event at the Ontario Golf Course Management Conference.

**Expenses:**

The Distinguished Service Award recipient shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred to attend the OGSA annual awards event. (upon submission of receipts). Expenses may include travel, lodging and meals and are not to exceed \$500.

