



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



RYAN S. KRAUSHOFER, CGCS

WESTMINSTER NATIONAL GOLF COURSE

WESTMINSTER, MD

**GCSAA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Ryan S Kraushofer, CGCS

Title: Superintendent and General Manager

Home: 808 Great Day Ct

Club / Course: Westminster National Golf Course

City: Westminster

Number of Holes: 18

State: MD

Type of Course: Daily Fee

Zip: 21157-6994

Primary Phone: (410)876-4653

Business Phone: (410)876-4653

Responsibilities: As Superintendent and General Manager at Westminster National Golf Course I'm responsible for 120 acres of turf plus everything that's happening in the clubhouse along with Food and Beverage. During the season we will have a staff of 8 working outside that includes my self and my assistant. I'm also responsible for overseeing and scheduling of another 36 part time employees that work in the proshop and kitchen. When it comes to daily responsibilities you name it I pretty much do it!

Responsible to: Owners

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
University of Maryland	College Park	MD	5/23/2005	Assoc Degree Turf/Plant or 2 yr cert

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Westminster National Golf Course	Superintendent and General Manager	1/12/2008	
The Timbers at Troy	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	4/2/2007	1/11/2008
Oakmont Green Golf Club	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	6/3/2006	4/1/2007
University of Maryland	Turfgrass Student	10/13/2003	6/2/2006

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

I've hosted close to a dozen First Green field trips this also includes presenting the First Green program to educators so they are aware of the program and what GCSAA has to offer as well as reached out to our local tv stations to help spread the word. To this day we have had 9 live interviews about the First Green Program.

I also sit on numerous golf tournament committees when they ask for help. One of my fondest committees is a tournament that raises money in honor of a Baltimore County fire fighter that was killed during a training exercise. This firefighter happened to be on the planning committee for his local fire department tournament that was hosted at Westminster National and his son was on our local high school golf team. With my help over the last few years we have been able to take a golf tournament that was only raising a few thousand dollars a year to a tournament that has now raised over \$125,000 in scholarship money for students pursuing a career in public safety. I'm also happy to announce that the Mid-Atlantic GCSA donated \$4,000 to this worth cause.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2022 Chapter Delegate Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/26/2022	10/27/2022
2022 Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
First Green Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/25/2020	11/1/2020
First Green Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
First Green Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2016	9/8/2017
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2015	10/28/2015
2014 Chapter Leaders/Executives Symposium	Chapter Leader	3/10/2014	3/12/2014

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Director	12/10/2021	
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	First Tee Program	12/10/2021	
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Voting Delegate	12/8/2020	12/9/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Director	12/1/2020	12/9/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	9/28/2020	9/13/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	President	1/1/2020	12/31/2020
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	11/6/2019	9/1/2020
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	President	1/1/2019	12/31/2019
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Vice-president	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Vice-president	1/1/2017	12/31/2017
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Voting Delegate	1/1/2017	9/21/2017
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	9/16/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Secretary	1/1/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Treasurer	1/1/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Treasurer	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Secretary	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Newsletter Editor	1/1/2014	12/31/2014

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Only Class A superintendents whose classification truly reflects their current employment are eligible for office in GCSAA.

500 WORD STATEMENT

Golf has been a big part of my life for a long as I can remember. My fondest memories are from when I was 12 years old, and I was more interested in working on a golf course than actually playing the game. My parents would ask the owners of our local Mom & Pop golf course if it was ok for me to hang out in the clubhouse while they would play. This led me to a job with small chores such as vacuuming, taking out the trash and washing carts. That was the start of a career as Golf Course Superintendent & General Manager, working for the same family at one of their other golf properties. Now 26 years later, I'm still working for the same family that opened up the door for this amazing career path.

Now if you would've asked me 10 years ago if a guy from a low budget Mom & Pop golf course would ever have the chance to run for the National Board of Directors, I would have said no way! But after serving on our chapter board for the past nine years (including as President in 2019-20), I know it's not all about how popular your course is or if you have the biggest budget. It's about the love of the game, networking, volunteering, and dedication that matters the most! That is why I know I am a good fit to serve on the GCSAA Board of Directors.

The previous board has done a fantastic job creating great initiatives, which I will seek to grow if elected. I'm very excited about The First Green Program, Facility BMPS, National Golf Day, the revamped CGCS process and most recently, partnering with Region 3 of the EPA, which happens to be the Mid- Atlantic, my area. I have hosted nearly a dozen First Green events, as well as help to plan the National Golf Day Community Service Project, and most recently I completed my CGCS. I will have no trouble picking up where the board has left off.

As Rhett Evans would say it's time to "Lead Out"! So, with the support of my wife and my employer, it's my turn to Lead Out, to Support, and to Grow our association to be the best it possibly can be!

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LETTER OF NOMINATION

September 13, 2022

GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman
c/o Shelia Finney, Senior Director, Member Programs
1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman:

It is my pleasure to nominate Ryan Kraushofer, CGCS as Director for the 2023 GCSAA Board of Directors. Ryan has displayed tremendous commitment to the golf course management profession, the MAAGCS and GCSAA. The MAAGCS Board of Directors supports Ryan's decision to run for the GCSAA Board of Directors and acknowledges his passion for making a difference in the industry. Ryan has demonstrated each of the key factors listed below and we believe he is an ideal candidate for the GCSAA Board of Directors.

- Have demonstrated a personal and professional commitment to the association and the golf course management profession.
- Is a creative, visionary and strategic thinker who understands and embraces the mission, vision and goals of GCSAA.
- Has demonstrated the ability to work respectfully with other board members; committee/task group members; allied association leaders; industry partners; and GCSAA staff.
- Is comfortable speaking and making presentations in both small and large group settings.
- Is comfortable with utilizing social media.
- Is aware of national governmental and regulatory issues impacting the golf course industry.
- Have served as a Chapter or Voting Delegate.
- Have served on GCSAA committees/task groups.
- Have served on an affiliated chapter board as a director and/or executive officer.
- Previous experience chairing committees and/or task groups at the chapter level.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CF", written over a white background.

Chris Fernandes
Superintendent
MAAGCS President
Rolling Road Golf Club