



OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT



RAFAEL BARAJAS, CGCS

BOCA GROVE PLANTATION

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

GCSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Barajas Rafael GCSAA Membership No.: 013982
 Business 21351 Whitaker Dr Home Phone: _____

 City: Boca Raton State/Zip: FL 33433-7469
 Club/Course: Boca Grove Plantation Business Phone: (310)849-5887
 Title: Director of Golf Course Operations

Responsibilities:

Golf Course Superintendent, responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of this 18 hole private golf club.

ResponsibleTo: General Manager ResponsibleToOther: _____

No. of Holes: 18 TypeOfCourse: Private TypeOfCourseOther: _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Name:	Location:	Years Attended:	Major:	Degree Earned:
University California, Riverside	Riverside, CA	1998 - 2000	Turfgrass Management	Certificate in Turfgrass management

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer:	Title of Position:	Years of Employment:
Mountain Gate Country Club	Assistant Golf Course Superintendent	1980 - 1984
Boca Grove Plantation	Director of Golf Course Operations	2015 - sent
Hacienda Golf Club	Golf Course Superintendent	1995 - 2015
Palm Desert Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	1992 - 1995
Desert Lakes Golf Club	Director of Golf Course Maintenance	1989 - 1992

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Pop Warner Little Scholars. Diamond Bar, Ca.
 Diamond Bar Little League. Diamond Bar, CA.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Years
2008 Chapter Delegates Meeting		2008 - 2009
2009 Chapter Delegates Meeting		2009 - 2009
2010 Chapter Delegates Meeting		2010 - 2011
2011 Chapter Delegates Meeting		2011 - 2011
2013 Chapter Delegates Meeting		2013 - 2013
2014 Chapter Delegates Meeting		2014 - 2014
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting		2015 - 2015
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting		2016 - 2017
2017 Chapter Delegates Meeting		2017 - 2017

Assistant Superintendent Committee	Vice Chairman	2011 - 2012
Assistant Superintendent Committee	Chairman	2012 - 2013
Career Development Committee		2000 - 2001
Career Development Committee		2001 - 2002
Career Development Committee		2002 - 2003
Certification Committee	Chairman	2011 - 2012
Certification Committee	Chairman	2012 - 2013
Chapter Relations Committee		2007 - 2008
Chapter Relations Committee		2008 - 2009
Communications/Outreach Task Group	Chairman	2014 - 2015
Diversity Task Group		2005 - 2006
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Diversity Task Group		2007 - 2008
Diversity Task Group		2008 - 2009
Employer Task Group	Chairman	2015 - 2015
Environmental Programs Committee	Vice Chairman	2013 - 2014
Equipment Managers Task Group	Vice Chairman	2017 - 2018
GCM Editorial Board Task Group	Chairman	2016 - 2017
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2011 - 2012
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2012 - 2013
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2013 - 2014
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2014 - 2015
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2015 - 2016
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2016 - 2017
GCSAA Board of Directors	Secretary/Treasurer	2017 -
GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Chairman	2017 - 2018
Government Affairs Committee	Vice Chairman	2012 - 2013
Government Affairs Committee	Chairman	2013 - 2014
International Task Group	Vice Chairman	2015 - 2015
Melrose Leadership Academy Task Group	Chairman	2017 - 2018
Membership Committee		2003 - 2004
Plant Health Academy & Scholarship Task Group	Vice Chairman	2015 - 2015
Research Proposal Review Committee	Chairman	2015 - 2015
Scholarship Committee		2004 - 2005
Scholarship Committee		2005 - 2006
Strategic Communications Committee	Vice Chairman	2013 - 2014
Technology Task Group	Chairman	2017 - 2018
Tournament Committee		2010 - 2011

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter Name	Leadership Position/Committee	Years Served
GCSA of Southern California	President	2010 - 2011
GCSA of Southern California	Vice President	2009 - 2010
GCSA of Southern California	Secretary/Treasurer	2008 - 2009
GCSA of Southern California	Board Member	2006 - 2008
Palm Beach GCSA	Member	2015 - Pres
GCSA of Southern California	President	2010 - 2011
GCSA of Southern California	Vice President	2009 - 2010
GCSA of Southern California	Secretary/Treasurer	2008 - 2009
GCSA of Southern California	Board Member	2006 - 2008
Palm Beach GCSA	Member	2015 - sent

IMPORTANT NOTE:

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

500-Word Statement

I am truly grateful and honored to have served during the past seven years on the GCSAA Board. Of utmost importance, is my sincere appreciation to the members of the GCSAA for the privilege of serving you at the national level. The support and trust is greatly appreciated. The prospect of continuing my service as the Vice President of this great association is an opportunity that I will treat with the dedication that the position requires and deserves. The enthusiastic support and guidance from the many chapters that have supported me over the years remains the catalyst of my efforts and a primary driving force behind my passion and motivation to continue to serve our Association and industry. My sincere appreciation to the Florida GCSA and all the Florida chapters, my local chapters, the Palm Beach GCSA chapter, the South Florida GCSA, Central California GCSA and the Sierra Nevada GCSA and their respective Board of Directors for the nomination. Their faith and support in my ability to lead our national association at the highest level, is a tremendous honor.

My tenure of over 32 years as a member of GCSAA has afforded me an opportunity to participate in many committees at the local, state and national level. Now, with the additional experience gained as a National Director the past seven years, in particular the knowledge gained from those with whom I've served, I am more excited and prepared than ever to help grow our profession and industry. The aforementioned involvement at the national level has given me a keen understanding of the organization's finances and priorities. The economic challenges of recent years are still present, thus the need to balance our desire for fiscal prudence with the responsibility of advancing our core values and mission.

In my opinion, the vitality of the local chapters and the members within those chapters remains the lifeblood of our organization. The National Association must stay committed to supporting the local chapters and ensuring the ongoing and effective communication across the various states and throughout the nation. As an association, we derive great strength and vitality from the local chapters in our organization, but National can provide the synergy that brings us together and makes us stronger.

The Association's commitment to remaining at the forefront of technology, education and professionalism are initiatives that I wholeheartedly support and will work hard to preserve. Additionally, as an Association, we must remain proactive in educating legislators and the public about the environmental, economic and recreational benefits of our industry. With the plethora of issues before us, not the least of which are water scarcity, environmental regulation and labor issues, we must remain proactive in ways that continue to promote our image as leaders and change agents at the precipice of our industry.

Having served as a chapter delegate for several years in addition to 19+ years serving on several GCSAA committees, I have a unique perspective and keen understanding of the attributes necessary to lead this Association into the future. To serve as a GCSAA Officer, one must be passionate, knowledgeable, personable and objective, among other things. These are the values that continue to guide me in my ongoing commitment as a director and leader at the national level. As I've acknowledged on many occasions, although I have committed many hours of service to the Association, the rewards, both personally and professionally, have always made my efforts pale in comparison to the benefits. My strong belief in volunteerism and giving back remains, and I would encourage my fellow members to do the same.

I remain grateful for the unfettered support of the Board of governors, membership and staff of Boca Grove Plantation. I'd also like to thank my family for always supporting me and encouraging me in my personal and professional endeavors.

It is a great honor to serve you and this association. I look forward to listening to your concerns and working hard to address them. I look forward to assisting our national staff and elected leadership in advancing our profession to 2020 and beyond. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support in 2018.

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CHAPTER EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION - Signature _____

Title: _____