



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



RORY VAN POUCKE

APACHE SUN GOLF COURSE

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GCSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Van Poucke Rory GCSAA Membership No.: 107340
 Business 919 E Pima Rd Home Phone: _____

 City: San Tan Valley State/Zip: AZ 85140-8752
 Club/Course: Apache Sun Golf Club Business Phone: 480-250-3258
 Title: Golf Course Superintendent

Responsibilities:

My responsibilities includes being a Golf Course Superintendent and General Manager of Apace Sun Golf Club since 1988.

ResponsibleTo: Owner ResponsibleToOther: _____

No. of Holes: 9 TypeOfCourse: Public TypeOfCourseOther: _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Name:	Location:	Years Attended:	Major:	Degree Earned:
North Central College	Naperville Ill	1982 - 1984	Business	Bachelor of Arts
Kishwaukee College	Dekalb Ill	1980 - 1982	General	Associates

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer:	Title of Position:	Years of Employment:
Apache Sun Golf Club	Superintendent, General Manager-owner until 2005	1988 - Pres
Mortgage Corporation of the West	Loan Officer	1986 - 1988
Woodridge Golf Club Lisle, ILL	Head Golf Professional and worked in Grounds Dept.	1970 - 1986
Lost Nation Golf Club Dixon, IL	Family owned/ Worked in Pro shop and Grounds Dept.	1971 - 1990

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

1. Wham basketball coach and AYSO soccer coach over a 12 year time period.
2. Sunday School Teacher; Sun Valley Community Church
3. Steering committee at Pathway Program
4. Served at Paz de Cristo Homeless Shelter
5. Volunteered on State Re-election Campaigns

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Years
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
Communications/Outreach Task Group		2016 - 2017
Membership Appeals Task Group		2015 - 2015

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter Name	Leadership Position/Committee	Years Served
Cactus and Pine	Board Member/ Government Relations	2011 - Pres
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Cactus and Pine	Board Member/ Public Relations	2011 - Pres
Cactus and Pine	President	2015 - Pres
Cactus and Pine	Vice President/ Secretary	2014 - 2015

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Organization	Involvement	Years Served
Course Managers Association of America	Member	2012 - Pres
United States Golf Association	Member	1992 - Pres
National Golf Foundation	Member	1992 - Pres
Course Manager Association of America	Allied Association Committee position	2015 - Pres

IMPORTANT NOTE:

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

500-Word Statement

I am honored and privileged to be nominated for the board of directors by Cactus & Pine chapter of GCSAA. If elected, I will bring the same passion and dedication to the GCSAA board that I have brought to the local chapter and Arizona golf industry.

I believe I can offer a new perspective and insight to the board of directors from my vast experience and broad range of responsibilities including being a Golf Course Superintendent, Owner, and General Manager. It's more important than ever to listen to your members and continue to increase the impact that the GCSAA has made over the years. I will continue to support the education and tools that GCSAA has provided which is necessary for the golf course superintendent. I will also work to ensure that the Best Management Practices Program continues moving forward. Furthermore, I will stay dedicated to help grow our profession and industry.

For example, I will make it a priority that GCSAA will continue to collaborate with all the allied golf associations. The experience I gained working with the Professional Golf Association (PGA), Club Managers Association (CMA), and the National Golf Course Owners Association (NCOA) will strengthen the GCSAA through my connections and extensive knowledge of each organization. It's vital to the health of the golf industry to participate in the government advocacy program that GCSAA has established. Having a voice in government is essential because of the laws being passed that could have a negative effect on the golf course superintendent. It could be a detriment to the industry without proper representation.

In the past, local Arizona congressmen Paul Gosar has made multiple visits to my golf course to get a better understanding and give a show of support to the golf industry. He also spoke at the Cactus & Pine's unveiling of their Golf's Economic Impact Study. This past year, I ran for a position on the Central Arizona Project (CAP) board to help with the complex issues regarding water in the state of Arizona while giving golf a voice in government. I had the pleasure of speaking at the Western Caucasus meeting in Washington D.C. to discuss golfs economic impact and water issues.

In my 27 years of experience managing Apache Sun Golf Club and Woodridge Golf Club (Lisle, IL), I've garnered the necessary experience and insight to meet and exceed the challenges that the GCSAA is facing. I want to give back to the golf industry as it's provided for me and my family throughout my life. I would like to thank my employer, Apache Sun Golf Club, Cactus & Pine, GCSAA, and my family for the constant support. In closing, I want to thank the GCSAA members and nominating committee for their consideration for the GCSAA Board of Directors.

DATE SUBMITTED: 7/20/2017 8:25:00 AM

SIGNATURE: _____

CHAPTER EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION - Signature _____ Title: _____