



OFFICE OF PRESIDENT



RAFAEL BARAJAS, CGCS

BOCA GROVE GOLF & TENNIS CLUB

BOCA RATON, FL

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 Golf & Tennis Club Business Phone: (561)487-1800

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:
Boca Grove Golf & Tennis Club	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	Golf Course Superintendent	1988 - 1992
American Golf	Golf Course Superintendent	1980 - 1988

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
Diversity Task Group		2006 - 2007
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
Equipment Managers Task Group	Chairman	2018 - 2019
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 - 2018
GCSAA Board of Directors	Vice-president	2018 -
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
Research Proposal Review Committee	Chairman	2018 - 2019
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
California GCSA	President	2010 - 2011
GCSA of Central California	Member	2006 - sent
Palm Beach GCSA	Member	2015 - sent
South Florida 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 eight 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 leading this great organization as the President 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 serving 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 privilege and a great honor.

My tenure of over 33 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 Director for the past seven years, an officer of GCSAA the past two years, Secretary & Treasurer 2016 and Vice president this year, 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 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, mission, vision and goals.

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 leader within GCSAA. 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 rewards. 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 Golf & Tennis Club. 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 ideas and to working hard to address them. I look forward to assisting our national staff and elected leadership in advancing our profession into 2020 and beyond. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support in 2019.

DATE SUBMITTED: 6/25/2018 1:05:10 PM **SIGNATURE:** _____

CHAPTER EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION - Signature _____ **Title:** _____



June 28, 2018

GCSAA Nominating Committee
c/o Shelia Finney
1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

RE: Rafael Barajas, CGCS Nomination

Dear Nominating Committee Members,

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Central California is honored to nominate Rafael Barajas for the President position with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Rafael continues to demonstrate exceptional leadership skills through his current position with GCSAA. He has exhibited his leadership ability through his involvement with Government Relations both on the state and national fronts. Rafael has held leadership positions on a local, state, and national level. He has been involved with many different committees during his tenure as GCSAA Director, Secretary Treasurer, and Vice President. The culmination of these experiences have helped Rafael to develop the leadership skills needed to help guide the GCSAA as the President.

His outstanding efforts as a representative has improved our profession and provided superintendents with the top resources and information to deal with the intricacies of our profession. Rafael is the consummate professional and always available to help fellow superintendents when needed.

It is with honor and great respect that we add our names in support of Rafael's nomination.

Sincerely,

Andy Cordova
President
GCSA Central California

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Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association

June 29, 2018

GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman
1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

Dear Mr. O'Keefe,

On behalf of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association, Calusa GCSA, Central Florida GCSA, Everglades GCSA, North Florida GCSA, Palm Beach GCSA, Ridge GCSA, Seven Rivers GCSA, South Florida GCSA, Suncoast GCSA, Treasure Coast GCSA and West Coast GCSA I am honored to nominate Rafael, CGCS for the office of President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Rafael continues to demonstrate exceptional leadership skills through his current Vice President position with the GCSAA. His leadership abilities have been demonstrated through his involvement with the Association on both the state and national front. He has been involved with many different committees during his tenure with the GCSAA and the culmination of these experiences have helped Rafael to develop the leadership skills needed to help guide the GCSAA as an officer on the GCSAA Board of Directors.

His outstanding efforts as a representative has improved our profession and provided superintendents with the top resources and information to deal with the intricacies of our profession. Rafael is the consummate professional and always available to help fellow superintendents when needed.

It is our honor to support Rafael's nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Curran".

John Curran
President

cc: Rafael Barajas, CGCS