

## **OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT**



# KEVIN P. SUNDERMAN, CGCS ISLA DEL SOL YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

### GCSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

#### PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Kevin P Sunderman, CGCS

Home: 12527 Natureview Circle City: Bradenton

State: FL

Primary Phone: (941)447-5113

Zip: 34212-2984

Business Phone: (727)864-2417

Number of Holes: 18

Type of Course: Private

Title: Director of Grounds

Club / Course: Isla Del Sol Yacht & Country Club

**Responsibilities:** As the Golf Course Superintendent at Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club I am directly responsible for overseeing the golf course, common grounds, beach, and landscaping. Duties include agronomic planning, personnel management, departmental budgeting, purchasing, project management, long-range planning, record keeping, and liaison to both government entities and property owners. In addition, I oversee all long range planning and capital expenditures for the entire club.

Responsible to: General Manager

#### EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
The Ohio State University	Columbus	ОН	5/1/2000	Bachelors Degree in Turf/Plant Science

#### **EMPLOYMENT DATA**

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Isla Del Sol Yacht & Country Club	Director of Grounds	7/25/2005	
TPC at Prestancia	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	12/8/2003	7/24/2005
East Lake Woodlands Country Club	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	3/4/2002	12/7/2003
Snee Farm Country Club	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	12/1/2000	3/4/2002
Whetstone Golf Club	Golf Course Superintendent	4/1/1999	12/1/2000

#### **CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

Coached various age groups of youth soccer and Little League Baseball

#### **GCSAA ACTIVITIES**

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
Certification Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Assistant Superintendent Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022

GCSAA Board of Directors	Secretary/Treasurer	2/4/2021	2/10/2022
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting		9/24/2020	11/1/2020
First Green Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Assistant Superintendent Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Research Proposal Review Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	1/30/2020	2/4/2021
2019 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/30/2019	11/1/2019
Equipment Managers Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
First Green Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Technology Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
International Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/29/2020
Government Affairs Committee	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/7/2019	1/30/2020
Political Action Committee	Chairman	1/22/2019	1/21/2020
2018 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/19/2018	11/30/2018
Melrose Leadership Academy Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
GCM Editorial Board Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
International Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Equipment Managers Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Conference Education Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
First Green Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Environmental Awards and Education Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Government Affairs Committee	Vice Chairman	2/27/2018	2/28/2019
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/8/2018	2/7/2019
2017 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/20/2017	11/30/2017
Conference Education Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2017	2/28/2018
GCM Editorial Board Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2017	2/28/2018
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/9/2017	2/8/2018
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/8/2016	9/8/2017
Government Affairs Committee	Member Superintendent	3/1/2016	2/28/2017
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2015	10/28/2015
Government Affairs Committee	Member Superintendent	2/1/2015	1/31/2016
Board Policy Oversight Task Group	Member Superintendent	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Nominating Committee	Member Superintendent	1/1/2015	12/31/2015

Communications/Outreach Task Group	Member Superintendent	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
2014 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2014	10/16/2014
Grassroots Ambassadors		7/1/2014	6/30/2016
Communications/Outreach Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2014	3/1/2015
2013 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/9/2013	10/4/2013
2012 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	10/5/2012	10/7/2012
2011 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	10/28/2011	10/30/2011
2010 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/10/2010	3/7/2011
2008 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	8/28/2008	8/28/2009

#### LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Florida West Coast GCSA	Director	7/31/2017	8/1/2018
Florida West Coast GCSA	President	7/1/2017	6/30/2019
North Florida GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/20/2016	12/6/2016
Palm Beach GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/20/2016	12/6/2016
South Florida GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/20/2016	12/6/2016
Treasure Coast GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/20/2016	12/6/2016
Everglades GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/20/2016	12/6/2016
Central Florida GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/20/2016	1/1/2017
Suncoast GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/20/2016	12/6/2016
Calusa GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/20/2016	12/5/2016
Ridge GCSA	Voting Delegate	9/23/2015	12/6/2016
Florida GCSA	Voting Delegate	9/14/2015	9/15/2016
Florida West Coast GCSA	Voting Delegate	9/14/2015	7/1/2016
Everglades GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/22/2015	7/14/2015
North Florida GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/22/2015	9/20/2015
Treasure Coast GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/12/2015	7/1/2015
Florida GCSA	Director	8/5/2014	8/1/2015
Florida GCSA	President	7/1/2013	6/30/2014
Palm Beach GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/16/2013	9/1/2014
Florida GCSA	Vice-president	7/1/2012	6/30/2013
Florida GCSA	Treasurer	8/1/2011	8/1/2012
Florida GCSA	Secretary	7/1/2011	6/30/2012
Florida West Coast GCSA	Treasurer	7/1/2009	6/1/2011
Florida West Coast GCSA	Secretary	7/1/2009	6/30/2011
Florida GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2008	9/15/2015
Florida West Coast GCSA	Chapter Delegate	7/30/2008	12/1/2015
Florida GCSA	Director	7/1/2008	7/1/2011
Florida West Coast GCSA	Director	7/1/2007	6/30/2009

#### ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date
Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF)	Board Member	2013	2015

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

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

#### **500 WORD STATEMENT**

15 years ago, I was blessed with the opportunity to serve the local golf course superintendents in the Tampa Bay area as a member of the Florida West Coast GCSA board of directors. Little did I know that opportunity would have a lasting effect on my life. That service soon led to also serving on the Florida GCSA board, numerous GCSAA committees, and several years as a chapter delegate before being elected to the GCSAA board of directors. Each step of the way has inspired me to continue on this journey as the knowledge, experience and relationships gained from service are well worth the countless hours invested in the work.

Over the years I have changed. While my underlying core values and beliefs remain the same, how I perceive and interact with the world has evolved. Even just five years ago I thought I had all the answers and was prepared to tell everyone what needed to be done. However, after developing a better understanding of self and others, I have come to realize that it's not nearly as important to have the right answers as it is to ask the right questions. Just like I have seen value in my own evolution, I find it significant for the GCSAA to continue to evolve. Listening to and understanding the needs of our members will always be key in evaluating the right benefits and services to keep our industry moving forward.

I have been fortunate enough to serve on the GCSAA Board of Directors for the past five years. The experiences I have had while on the board have allowed me to grow both personally and professionally. It is this growth and experience that helps me put the significance of GCSAA into perspective. It always comes down to the people. The thing that matters most is community. It's the men and women who are part of this association that make it what it is. Our mission statement says, "GCSAA is dedicated to serving its members, advancing their profession and enhancing the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf." While this mission is the foundation for nearly everything we do, it all comes down to the people, how to best serve them today and for the decades to come. I hope to continue strengthening relationships and community amongst the men and women who work in this industry.

It is a great honor to be nominated for the office of Vice President to the 2022 GCSAA Board of Directors. My appreciation goes out to Florida GCSA and all the local chapters in Florida for believing in my abilities to serve this great profession.

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Promoting sustainable turf management and unifying golf course superintendents in Florida

June 23, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Barajas,

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 Kevin Sunderman, CGCS for the Vice President position on the Board of Directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Kevin has shown an extensive record of committee service and performance on the Board of Directors with the West Coast GCSA, the Florida GCSA, The Environmental Research and Education Foundation, GCSAA Chapter Delegate and the GCSAA Board of Directors. He has also served the GCSAA Government Affairs Committee, Assistant Task Group, Certification Committee, Rounds 4 Research Task Group and the BMP Task Group. He has an exceptional ability to see the 'big picture', think outside of the box, is an excellent leader, and has a very pragmatic approach to leading his team to their goals. He is an exceptional candidate to serve as Vice President.

Kevin is a 20-year GCSAA member, and he remains an active member of the West Coast GCSA. He is a past president of the Florida GCSA as well as the West Coast GCSA. He is also a winner of the 2015 Florida GCSA Distinguished Service Award.

Kevin is the current Director of Grounds at Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club in St. Petersburg, FL. He has held this position since July of 2005.

Kevin's leadership and professional approach to accomplishing the mission and goals of his associations will be an asset for the GCSAA. I cannot think of another superintendent better prepared to serve on the GCSAA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Florida GCSA President

cc: Andy Neiswender Florida GCSA Board of Directors