

# **OFFICE OF SECRETARY/TREASURER**



T.A. BARKER, CGCS

FORE LAKES GOLF COURSE

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

## GCSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

#### **PERSONAL DATA**

Name: Mr. T.A. Barker, CGCS

Title: Golf Course Superintendent

Home: 9368 South Lea Heather Way Club / Course: Fore Lakes Golf Course

City: West Jordan Number of Holes: 18

State: UT Type of Course: Daily Fee

**Zip**: 84081-3204

Primary Phone: (801)694-2803 Business Phone: (801)266-8621

Responsibilities: As the Superintendent of Fore Lakes Golf Course, I am tasked with the daily and long term

success of the course. Including but not limited to, agronomic practices, staffing, training, irrigation and mechanical work. Fore Lakes has two seperate nine-hole courses, a 9-hole Par-3 course and and a 9-hole executive course. We also maintain a split tee driving range and two

large practice greens.

Responsible to: Owner

#### **EDUCATIONAL DATA**

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
Penn State University	University Park	PA	9/1/2010	Assoc Degree Turf/Plant or 2 yr cert

#### **EMPLOYMENT DATA**

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Fore Lakes Golf Course	Golf Course Superintendent	1/1/2006	
Fore Lakes Golf Course	Assistant Golf Course Superintendent	5/4/1995	12/31/2005

#### **CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

2018 Golfdom Magazine Herb Graffis Businessperson of the Year recipient National Golf Day 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 Utah Golf Day Speaker Couch to my three boys and their teammates Former Co-host Utah Golf radio Veterans on Course - First Green Presenter Youth on Course- First Green Presenter

#### **GCSAA ACTIVITIES**

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2022 Conference Education Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Political Action Committee	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023

2022 Allan MacCurrach Jr. Award Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Government Affairs Committee	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 BMP Grants Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/1/2022	2/9/2023
2021 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/22/2021	10/22/2021
Melrose Leadership Academy Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Conference Education Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Equipment Manager Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Political Action Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Research Proposal Review Committee	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Government Affairs Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/4/2021	2/10/2022
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/24/2020	11/1/2020
Equipment Managers Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
BMP Facility Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Government Affairs Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Communications/Outreach Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	1/30/2020	2/4/2021
Political Action Committee	Vice Chairman	1/24/2020	1/23/2021
2019 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/30/2019	11/1/2019
Environmental Awards and Education Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
GCM Editorial Board Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/29/2020
Technology Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Communications/Outreach Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Research Proposal Review Committee	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/7/2019	1/30/2020
2018 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/19/2018	11/30/2018
Environmental Awards and Education Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Research Proposal Review Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
BMP Resource Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019

GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/8/2018	2/7/2019
2017 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/20/2017	11/30/2017
Technology Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2017	2/28/2018
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2017	2/28/2018
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2016	9/8/2017
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2016	2/1/2017
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2015	10/28/2015
Conference Education 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	
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2014	3/1/2015
2013 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/9/2013	10/4/2013

## **LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Utah GCSA	Voting Delegate	10/1/2016	9/21/2017
Utah GCSA	Director	10/8/2014	10/8/2015
Utah GCSA	President	10/1/2013	9/30/2014
Utah GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/16/2013	9/22/2016
Utah GCSA	President	10/1/2012	9/30/2013
Utah GCSA	Newsletter Editor	1/6/2012	
Utah GCSA	Vice-president	10/1/2011	9/30/2012
Utah GCSA	Secretary	10/1/2009	9/30/2010

## **ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA**

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date
Golf Alliance of Utah (GAU)	Executive Board	2011	Present
Utah Golf Association	Member	1993	Present
Utah Junior Golf	Member	1986	1996

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

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

#### **500 WORD STATEMENT**

I would like to start by giving a sincere thank you to the almost 19,000 members of GCSAA who have entrusted their association's future to me and the rest of the board. Thank you to the Utah Chapter for their continued support with my nomination for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of GCSAA. A huge thank you to Fore Lakes Golf Course and my staff for making the past five years so much easier. Finally, nothing would be possible without the love and support of my wife and family. They are the driving force behind my desire and passion to serve.

Wow, where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday I was writing this statement asking you for your support for the director position. Five years later I'm writing again to ask for your support for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

During the last three years we've seen many challenges both in our personal and professional lives. From a global pandemic that shut down the world in 2020, to now with the highest inflation rates in history. Both struggles have put a strain not only on you, but our association. I am proud of the work that the GCSAA staff and the board has done to minimize the effects. If elected to the office of secretary/treasurer, I promise to work hard for you and the rest of the membership. GCSAA is our association, and you, as a valued member is our number one priority. My goal is to make your life better - not just professionally but personally as well.

So, how can we help make your personal life better? We will continue to advocate for higher wages and expand our infinity programs to include even more cost saving items for your personal use. Further, through the GCSAA Foundation, we will work to create a philanthropic culture of giving. Funds raised through the Foundation can then be used to create more programs for crew education and to grow assistant superintendents from within our own staff that may not have the ability to go to school. Implementing these programs can and will make your life better.

As secretary/treasurer, I will work hard to keep our association financially on track and continue to make GCSAA the best and most relevant association in the golf world.

I am proud to be a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. I am proud of our GCSAA family in the way they present themselves. The services they provide are more valuable than the dues we pay.

I am honored to serve the membership and, with your support, hope to continue my journey as the Secretary/Treasurer of GCSAA.

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Dear GCSAA Nomination Committee,

June 2, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Utah Golf Course Superintendents Association (UGCSA) would like to officially nominate T.A. Barker, CGCS, of Fore Lakes Golf Course in Taylorsville, Utah, as a 2023 candidate for the Secretary/Treasurer position for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

We continue to feel that Mr. Barker has represented our members and members of GCSAA with pride and great enthusiasm. T.A. has given Utah Golf a voice on the national stage and remains as a strong leader in the industry. We are proud to nominate him to serve his fellow superintendents and golf community with determination and passion.

It is with great pleasure to officially nominate Mr. T.A. Barker, CGCS, as a candidate for the Secretary/Treasurer position for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Board of

Directors.

Brian Roth, CGCS

President

**Utah Golf Course Superintendents Association**