



## **OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**



**Aaron Fankhauser, CGCS**

**THE CLUB AT ROLLING HILLS  
GOLDEN, COLORADO**

**GCSAA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**PERSONAL DATA**

**Name:** Mr. Aaron Fankhauser, CGCS

**Title:** Director of Agronomy

**Home:** 15707 W 26th Ave

**Club / Course:** The Club at Rolling Hills

**City:** Golden

**Number of Holes:** 18

**State:** CO

**Type of Course:** Private

**Zip:** 80401-1377

**Primary Phone:** (303)810-7540

**Business Phone:** (303)279-3334

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**Responsibilities:** The Club at Rolling Hills has provided me with many opportunities to learn and grow as a leader in our industry. As the Director of Agronomy, I am responsible for all areas of the grounds. This includes the parking lots, all garden beds, planters, pots, trees, ponds, and turf grass areas. I am also responsible for mentoring my team and pushing them to grow in the industry. As the Assistant General Manager, I am responsible for our pool operation, facilities maintenance, and the Long Range Planning Committee. Since becoming the AGM, my skills as a Director have grown exponentially. The ability to look at the operation in its entirety has helped me understand the needs of my fellow departments and the Club as a whole. Aside from my responsibilities at Rolling Hills, I have also spent the last six years working with the Rocky Mountain Chapter to provide education and networking opportunities to our members.

**Responsible to:** Jeff Covington, General  
Manager & Board of  
Directors

**EDUCATIONAL DATA**

| <b>Institution</b>            | <b>City</b> | <b>State</b> | <b>Degree Date</b> | <b>Major</b>           |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Metropolitan State University | Denver      | CO           | 5/23/2008          | Other Bachelors Degree |

**EMPLOYMENT DATA**

| <b>Employer</b>           | <b>Title of Position</b>             | <b>Start Date</b> | <b>End Date</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| The Club at Rolling Hills | Director of Agronomy                 | 3/28/2019         |                 |
| The Club at Rolling Hills | Assistant Golf Course Superintendent | 8/15/2014         | 4/1/2019        |

**CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

Spending time within our community is a crucial aspect of my goals and those of Rolling Hills. Donating time and resources to the Arvada Food Bank, working with the Fallen Heroes group, and collaborating with our local sports teams here at the Club help build our community. I also volunteer my time with local youth sports teams and at local/national golf tournaments to support our superintendents as the present their courses to the highest levels of golfers across the country.

**GCSAA ACTIVITIES**

| <b>Committee</b>                              | <b>Position</b> | <b>Start Date</b> | <b>End Date</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2025 GCSAA Scholars<br>Competition Task Group | Volunteer       | 3/1/2025          | 2/28/2026       |
| 2025 Certification Committee                  | Volunteer       | 3/1/2025          | 2/28/2026       |

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| 2024 Chapter Leader/Executive Symposium | Chapter Leader | 3/19/2024 | 12/31/2024 |
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LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

| Chapter             | Position              | Start Date | End Date  |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
| Rocky Mountain GCSA | President             | 11/10/2025 |           |
| Rocky Mountain GCSA | Vice-president        | 11/9/2023  | 11/8/2024 |
| Rocky Mountain GCSA | Secretary             | 11/3/2022  | 11/9/2023 |
| Rocky Mountain GCSA | Treasurer             | 11/3/2022  | 11/9/2023 |
| Rocky Mountain GCSA | Director              | 11/2/2021  | 11/3/2022 |
| Rocky Mountain GCSA | Director              | 11/2/2020  | 11/1/2021 |
| Rocky Mountain GCSA | Education Programming | 11/2/2020  |           |

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

| Name | Position | Start Date | End Date |
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IMPORTANT NOTE:

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

500 WORD STATEMENT

As my career has grown in the last ten years, so has my desire to become involved with the Rocky Mountain Chapter. When I joined the Board of Directors, it was to continue moving our Chapter forward and help continue to focus on the importance of professional development and career growth for our membership. Superintendents have been great stewards of their properties and their turf, but not always their people. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Rocky Mountain Board and helping grow the membership and to help deliver an outstanding conference each fall. The networking and understanding of the Association's needs have really helped my development as a Director and have, more importantly, grown my motivation to continue to be involved. We have an outstanding network of wonderful chapters that make up our National Association, and I desire to continue to foster the growth of the GCSAA for years to come!

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Rocky Mountain Chapter

**GCSAA**

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman  
c/o [Shelia Finney](#), Senior Director, Member Programs  
1421 Research Park Drive  
Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

To the Nominating Committee,

Please accept this letter of nomination on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association for Aaron Fankhauser, CGCS, for a position on the Board of Directors for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Aaron is currently employed as the Director of Agronomy & Assistant General Manager at The Club at Rolling Hills, where his leadership and commitment to the profession have been evident both on and off the course. He has been with Rolling Hills for the last 20 years and has worked his way from a seasonal team member to his current positions.

I had the privilege of attesting Aaron for his Certification in July 2024, and through that process I gained an even deeper appreciation for his knowledge, professionalism, and dedication to advancing our industry. Beyond his skills as a superintendent, Aaron is also an accomplished golfer, which reflects the passion he brings to the game itself.

Aaron has served for many years on the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association, including leadership as chair of the Education Committee and later as chair of the Annual Conference Committee. During his time with the Education Committee, we introduced incremental additions that brought immediate value to our membership, and Aaron built on that momentum as chair of the Annual Conference Committee. Under his leadership, the conference has grown into a sold-out event year after year. His ability to recruit and engage fellow committee members and contributors has been instrumental in that success and in developing the future leadership of our local board. Aaron now serves as the current president of the RMGCSA, where his commitment to member service and professional development continues to strengthen our association.

Aaron is equally committed to advancing the strong initiatives already established within the GCSAA. Based on his proven leadership with our association, I am confident he will bring the same progressive vision to the national level, benefitting superintendents across the country. His past committee service at the national level with serving on both the Certification and National Scholarship Committees demonstrates his readiness to

contribute beyond our region, and he has set a personal goal of serving as a speaker at the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show. These forward-looking efforts will allow him to make a meaningful impact for the GCSAA membership as a whole.

In addition to his GCSAA involvement, Aaron is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Rocky Mountain Environmental Golf Institute and maintains professional memberships with the Colorado Section of the PGA and both the National and Mile High Chapter of the Club Managers Association of America, reflecting his engagement across all aspects of our industry. His commitment to professional growth and cross-industry collaboration sets an example for others to follow. When I attested him for Certification, I saw firsthand that his aspirations extend beyond individual achievement. His motivation is the betterment of all superintendents and the advancement of our profession as a whole.

For these reasons, it is my honor, on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association, to nominate Aaron Fankhauser, CGCS, for the GCSAA Board of Directors. His leadership, vision, and dedication to our industry will be a great asset to the national association.

Sincerely,

**Joe Kunze, CGCS**

Vice President, Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association