



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



RYAN S. KRAUSHOFER, CGCS

**WESTMINSTER NATIONAL GOLF COURSE
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND**

**GCSAA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Ryan S Kraushofer, CGCS

Title: Superintendent and General Manager

Home: 808 Great Day Ct

Club / Course: Westminster National Golf Course

City: Westminster

Number of Holes: 18

State: MD

Type of Course: Daily Fee

Zip: 21157-6994

Primary Phone: (410)876-4653

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Responsibilities: I am proud to be the Superintendent and General Manager of Westminster National Golf Course, a family-owned, 18-hole daily fee facility in Carroll County, MD. I oversee all operations of the course including the management of 120 acres of turf, an indoor simulator facility, clubhouse operations, food and beverage service, tournaments, and special events. I supervise an agronomy team of ten employees, plus oversee 40 part time employees that work in the pro-shop and food service. I hold the course pesticide licenses, liquor license, and am responsible for all state fertilizer reporting requirements. I do all pro-shop ordering, food and beverage ordering, and golf course purchases. I am responsible for ensuring we stay within my annual budget for the course and pro-shop. Being responsible for all operations at Westminster National Golf Course gives me a keen appreciation for the wide range of aspects involved in golf course management.

Outside of my paid hours, I am very active with the Mid-Atlantic GCS. I have been a member since 2005 and am a past-President. I am active in association events, meetings, and support and mentor other members in the chapter. Along with my fellow superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic GCSA, I lead and organize a local First Green program. In addition, I work directly with other chapters and GCSAA in promoting the program as a First Green Liaison.

Responsible to: Owners

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
University of Maryland	College Park	MD	5/23/2005	Assoc Degree Turf/Plant or 2 yr cert

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Westminster National Golf Course	Superintendent and General Manager	1/12/2008	
The Timbers at Troy	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	4/2/2007	1/11/2008
Oakmont Green Golf Club	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	6/3/2006	4/1/2007
University of Maryland	Turfgrass Student	10/13/2003	6/2/2006

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

I am very passionate about the First Green Program. I began promoting this program in 2016 by first presenting it to local educators to bring awareness to what GCSAA has to offer their schools. Since that first presentation, I've hosted 20 First Green field trips bringing more than 2000 kids to my course and exposing them to our industry. In addition, I regularly reach out to local tv stations for live coverage on what GCSAA and the First Green Program is doing for our youth. To date, I have had 10 live television interviews about the First Green Program, helping to promote it in the mid-atlantic region.

Since 2017, I have been involved with the planning of National Golf Day and the annual community service project, working closely with Chava McKeel, GCSAA Director of Government Affairs. It is a complex event that takes several months of planning and coordination between GCSAA and the National Park Service.

My proximity to Washington D.C. has provided me the opportunity to assist with key legislative issues that impact GCSAA members. Recently, I was able to support the partnership between EPA Region 3 and GCSAA regarding pesticide stewardship and how superintendents utilize BMPs to protect the environment.

In addition, I actively support Craig Kirby of "Golf. My Future. My Game." His program works to expand diversity in golf. I've participated in his local events which were focused on outreach to inner-city children and adults. I would welcome the opportunity to promote the benefits of golf to underrepresented groups and increase the diversity of our workforce and customers.

Locally, I also sit on numerous golf tournament committees. One of my fondest is the Robert Fogel Memorial Golf Tournament. This tournament raises money in honor of Robert Fogel- a Baltimore County firefighter that died in the line of duty. Robert Fogel was on the planning committee for his fire departments annual golf tournament, which was hosted at my course. In addition, his son was on the high school golf team and played my course regularly. With my help, the committee has been able to raise over \$175,000 to be used as a scholarship for students pursuing a career in public safety. In addition to this annual tournament, I have also been active in hosting and planning tournaments to benefit the Wounded Warriors and the Carroll County Food Bank.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2025 GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2025	2/28/2026
2025 Chapter Outreach Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2025	2/28/2026
2025 Conference Education Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2025	2/28/2026
2025 Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Vice Chairman	2/6/2025	12/31/2025
2025 First Green Liaisons	First Green Liaison	1/1/2025	12/31/2025
2024 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/27/2024	9/27/2025
2024 Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2024	2/28/2025
2024 GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2024	2/28/2025
2024 First Green Liaisons	First Green Liaison	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
2023 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/8/2023	10/26/2023
2023 Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2022 Chapter Delegate Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/26/2022	10/27/2022
2022 Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
First Green Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/25/2020	11/1/2020
First Green Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
First Green Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2016	9/8/2017
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2015	10/28/2015

2014 Chapter Leaders/Executives Symposium	Chapter Leader	3/10/2014	3/12/2014
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LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Director	12/10/2021	12/29/2022
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	First Tee Program	12/10/2021	
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Voting Delegate	12/8/2020	12/9/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Director	12/1/2020	12/9/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	9/28/2020	9/13/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	President	1/1/2020	12/31/2020
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	11/6/2019	9/1/2020
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	President	1/1/2019	12/31/2019
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Vice-president	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Vice-president	1/1/2017	12/31/2017
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Voting Delegate	1/1/2017	9/21/2017
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	9/16/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Secretary	1/1/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Treasurer	1/1/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Treasurer	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Secretary	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Newsletter Editor	1/1/2014	12/31/2014

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date

IMPORTANT NOTE:

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

500 WORD STATEMENT

First and foremost, I would like to thank the 20,000+ GCSAA members for the incredible opportunity to serve my first year on the Board of Directors. It has been an honor to represent our dedicated membership, and I am grateful for the relationships I've built, the conversations I've had, and the insight I've gained through this role. Looking forward, I'm excited for the opportunity to seek reelection and continue to serve our members and advancing the mission of GCSAA.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association for nominating me and supporting me during this journey. I'm humbled to be the first superintendent from our region to serve on the national level since 1998.

Throughout my career I have been deeply committed to improving the golf course management profession, supporting the education and development of our members, and ensuring that superintendents are seen as leaders in environmental stewardship and operational excellence. Serving on the board this past year has only strengthened my commitment to those goals. It has given me the chance to work closely with fellow superintendents, industry partners, chapter leaders, and GCSAA staff on five different committees to address the challenges facing our profession and to help shape the future of our industry.

One of the initiatives I am most passionate about is workforce development. Labor shortages remain one of the biggest concerns for superintendents across the country and I have made it a priority to create opportunities that bring new talent into our industry. One of my favorite initiatives is the First Green Program. I've personally hosted multiple field trips at my course to ensure students learn about the science and environmental care involved in golf course management. These experiences open doors and attract young people to consider careers in turfgrass management—many for the first time. By giving students hands-on exposure to our work early in their lives, we can attract, train, and retain quality and passionate employees. Looking ahead, I am eager to continue contributing to GCSAA's mission. I am committed to expanding educational opportunities, strengthening workforce development programs, advocating for our profession, and ensuring that every GCSAA member has the tools they need to thrive.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote for reelection to the GCSAA Board of Directors.

Ryan Kraushofer, CGCS

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LETTER OF NOMINATION

June 26th, 2025

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

GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman:

It is my pleasure to nominate Ryan Kraushofer, CGCS for the GCSAA Board of Directors for 2026. Over the past year, Ryan has continued to demonstrate his strong dedication to the golf course management profession and to GCSAA's mission. As a current Board member, he has contributed energy, insight, and leadership, and the MAAGCS Board of Directors fully supports his re-election.

Ryan's work this past year has only reinforced why he is such a valuable asset to the Board. In his first term, he has:

- Helped develop strategic initiatives to enhance member engagement and chapter relations
- Continued to lead and support First Green field trips across the region
- Represented GCSAA with professionalism at chapter events and national industry conferences
- Contributed to discussions on key issues such as sustainability, advocacy, and workforce development

He exemplifies the qualities essential for Board service:

- A consistent commitment to the profession and the association
- Strategic thinking aligned with GCSAA's mission and goals
- A collaborative, respectful approach to working with fellow Board members, GCSAA staff, and partners
- Strong communication skills and comfort with public speaking
- Deep understanding of national regulatory issues impacting golf course operations
- Extensive chapter leadership through his years on the MAAGCS Board
- Ongoing involvement in GCSAA committees and task groups

Ryan has not only earned his place on the Board—he continues to strengthen it through his thoughtful contributions and steady leadership. I am proud to support his continued service on behalf of our industry.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shaun O'Connor

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MAAGCS President
The Timbers at Troy