



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



BRANDON RAZO, CGCS

**PANTHER CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

GCSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Brandon Razo, CGCS

Title: Golf Course Superintendent

Home: 3001 Panther Creek Dr

Club / Course: Panther Creek Country Club

City: Springfield

Number of Holes: 18

State: IL

Type of Course: Private

Zip: 62711-7832

Primary Phone: (260)223-1352

Business Phone: (217)546-4432

Responsibilities: I am currently the Golf Course Superintendent at Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield, IL. I oversee a crew of about 20 employees. I am in charge of hiring, balancing our budget, and planning our daily cultural practices. Not only must we take care of the course, but we also manage the outside of the clubhouse and help with the pool. We are a private club and host a PGA Korn Ferry Tournament.

Responsible to: General Manager

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
Penn State University - World Campus	University Park	PA	12/17/2016	Assoc Degree Turf/Plant or 2 yr cert

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Panther Creek Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	1/12/2023	
Cross Creek Golf Course	Golf Course Superintendent	6/9/2020	1/11/2023
Cross Creek Golf Course	Golf Course Superintendent	12/3/2018	6/8/2020
Cross Creek Golf Course	Assistant Golf Course Superintendent	3/30/2017	12/2/2018
Penn State University - World Campus	Student	6/22/2015	1/24/2017

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Over the past 20 years I have been a volunteer coach for multiple age groups, and multiple sports. Including wrestling, softball, soccer, and golf. Besides coaching, I am also a Shriner and participate in helping raise money for the Shriner's Children Hospitals.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2025 Conference Education Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2025	2/28/2026
2024 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/27/2024	12/31/2024

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2023 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/12/2023	10/26/2023
2023 Conference Education Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2022 Chapter Delegate Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/15/2022	10/27/2022
2022 Chapter Outreach Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2021 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/22/2021	10/22/2021
GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	10/2/2020	11/1/2020
Grassroots Ambassadors		7/1/2018	
Environmental Awards and Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Technology Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2018	2/28/2019

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Central Illinois GCSA	Director	12/1/2024	
Central Illinois GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/4/2024	11/30/2024
Central Illinois GCSA	Director	11/30/2023	11/30/2024
Hoosier GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/12/2023	
Hoosier GCSA	PDI Representative	12/19/2022	
Hoosier GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/20/2022	9/1/2023
Hoosier GCSA	President	2/23/2022	2/28/2023
Hoosier GCSA	Voting Delegate	2/1/2022	12/31/2023
Hoosier GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/23/2021	9/1/2022
Hoosier GCSA	Vice-president	2/24/2021	9/22/2021
Hoosier GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/6/2021	2/23/2021
Hoosier GCSA	Chapter Delegate	10/5/2020	9/13/2021
Hoosier GCSA	Vice-president	2/25/2020	2/23/2021

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

Throughout my career, the GCSAA has been more than just an association to me—it has been a cornerstone of my professional growth, my network, and my passion for the turfgrass industry. I'm seeking the honor of serving on the GCSAA Board of Directors to give back to the organization that has given so much to me, and to help guide it toward an even stronger future.

From the start of my career, I have been actively engaged with the GCSAA, from local chapter involvement to national education events. Being recognized as a GCSAA Emerging Leader was not only humbling, but it reinforced my belief in the association's mission to elevate the profession and empower its members. Over the years, I have benefited firsthand from GCSAA's resources, professional development, and the invaluable connections it fosters. These experiences have shaped my career and deepened my commitment to ensuring others can access the same opportunities.

I believe the heart of the GCSAA lies in its diverse membership—superintendents, assistants, equipment managers, students, and industry partners. If elected, my focus will be on helping every member maximize the value of their membership, regardless of where they are in their career journey. This includes promoting mentorship programs, enhancing educational offerings, and encouraging broader participation in advocacy efforts that protect and advance our industry.

Our profession is evolving rapidly—new technologies, changing environmental regulations, and growing expectations from golfers challenge us daily. I see these challenges as opportunities to position GCSAA as an even stronger advocate and resource hub. As a superintendent, I know firsthand the realities faced on the ground: staffing shortages, budget constraints, and balancing course excellence with environmental stewardship. I will bring that practical perspective to the Board, ensuring that decisions are grounded in members' day-to-day realities.

I am especially passionate about fostering the next generation of turfgrass professionals. The future of our industry depends on our ability to inspire, mentor, and support those just entering the field. By investing in leadership development, expanding scholarship opportunities, and promoting careers in turf management, we can ensure that our industry not only survives, but thrives.

Serving on the GCSAA Board is not about personal recognition—it is about service, stewardship, and shared success. I am deeply committed to working collaboratively with fellow directors, staff, and members to keep our association strong, relevant, and forward-looking.

In closing, I am running because I care deeply about the GCSAA and the members it serves. I want to ensure that every member feels the same sense of pride, support, and opportunity that I have experienced. Together, we can continue to grow our profession, strengthen our community, and keep our industry vibrant for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

**DATE
SUBMITTED:**

7/7/2025 9:35:33 AM

SIGNATURE: _____



6/11/2025

RE: GCSAA Board of Directors Nomination

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

Dear GCSAA Nominating Committee,

The Central Illinois Chapter of the GCSAA would like to nominate one of our directors, Brandon Razo, Superintendent of Panther Creek Country Club, Springfield, Illinois for an open Director position on the Board of Directors.

Since Brandon moved as President of his local Northern Indiana chapter several years ago, Brandon has been extremely involved with his new home in Central Illinois with local events, committees and advice. He is very engaged and strives to move forward in the national association.

Brandon has a proven track record within the GCSAA, and we believe his knowledge and drive towards positive outcomes for the Industry as a whole will be extremely beneficial to our national organization.

Regards,

Jeff Kerr

Vice President - Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendent Association.

Superintendent, Country Club of Peoria,
4700 N Grandview Drive, Peoria Heights, IL 61616