



## **2021 GCSAA Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

**12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Eastern**

**Via Zoom**

The 2021 GCSAA Annual Meeting and Election was conducted virtually, via Zoom, due to ongoing COVID-19 health concerns. Prior to the meeting being called to order, attention was directed to copies of materials available electronically:

- 2021 GCSAA Annual Meeting Agenda
- Standing Rules of the Convention
- Minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting

These documents were also made available to all members prior to the meeting via the GCSAA website, along with the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting.

### **Call to Order**

The annual meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America convened at 12:00 p.m. on February 4, 2021, via Zoom. John R. Fulling, Jr., CGCS President of GCSAA, presided.

### **Introductions**

President Fulling introduced the current board of directors and individuals assisting with the meeting.

Mark F. Jordan, CGCS	Vice President
Kevin P. Breen, CGCS	Secretary/Treasurer
Rafael Barajas, CGCS	Immediate Past President
Kevin P. Sunderman, CGCS	Director
Jeff L. White, CGCS	Director
T.A. Barker, CGCS	Director
Paul L. Carter, CGCS	Director
Douglas D. Dykstra, CGCS	Director
J. Rhett Evans	Chief Executive Officer
Anne Guiberson	Professional Registered Parliamentarian
Suzie Katz	Court Reporter

### **Approval of Credentials Report**

The credentials report informs attendees how many eligible votes will be cast at the meeting. Kevin P. Breen, CGCS GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer, read the credentials report:

5 – Individual Member

2 – Proxies

7,822 – members voting through 82 chapter delegates



The total number of votes eligible to be cast at the 2021 Annual Meeting was 7,829. All nine members of the GCSAA Board of Directors were present and there was a quorum. The credentials report was adopted as read.

### **Approval of Standing Rules**

The Standing Rules for the 2021 Annual Meeting were approved.

### **Approval of Order of Business**

The Order of Business, being the Agenda, was approved as presented.

### **Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

### **Necrology Report**

The assembly participated in a moment of silence as the names of the members who had passed away during 2020 were read into the minutes by GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer Kevin P. Breen, CGCS.

### **Recognition of 50-year members**

Kevin P. Breen, CGCS GCSAA Secretary-Treasurer read the names of the individuals who would attain 50 years of membership in 2021. Francis Murphy, Gary T. Grigg, CGCS, John M. Krutilla and Robert Mizicko were present and acknowledged by President Fulling for their 50-years of membership.

President Fulling thanked all the 50-year members for their support of GCSAA and the golf course superintendent profession over the past half century.

### **Recognition of individuals with over 50-years of membership**

President Fulling recognized the individuals present with over 50 years of membership with GCSAA.

Donald J. Hearn, CGCS, Retired – 51 years

James Fitzroy, CGCS, Retired - 54 years

Michael R. Bavier, CGCS, Retired - 55 years

Gerald Faubel, CGCS, Retired – 55 years

Melvin B. Lucas, Jr., CGCS, Retired – 58 years

Palmer Maples, Jr., CGCS, Retired – 61 years

### **Special Orders**

#### **Election of Officers and Directors**

Darren J. Davis, CGCS, Nominating Committee Chairman submitted the name of Mark F. Jordan, CGCS for the office of President. There were no nominations from the floor; therefore, the vote was conducted by raising of the hand icon via Zoom. Mark F. Jordan, CGCS, was elected President.

Chairman Davis submitted the name of Kevin P. Breen, CGCS, for the office of Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. The vote was conducted by raising of the hand icon via Zoom, and Kevin P. Breen, CGCS was elected Vice President.



The next order of business was the election of Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Davis submitted the names of Kevin P. Sunderman, CGCS and Jeff L. White, CGCS for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

President Fulling called upon Election Chairman Bill H. Maynard, CGCS to explain the electronic voting process. Once the instructions were given and there being no questions from the delegates, the meeting was put into a short recess to conduct the vote.

A total of 7,663 votes were cast. Mr. Sunderman received 6,577 votes and Mr. White received 1,086. Kevin P. Sunderman, CGCS was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Chairman Davis submitted the following names for the open director positions. T.A. Barker, CGCS, Paul L. Carter, CGCS, Jon M. Christenson, Christopher Reverie and Marc E. Weston, CGCS. President Fulling then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Douglas Melchior, Heart of America Delegate nominated Jeff L. White, CGCS from the floor.

President Fulling asked Election Chairman Bill H. Maynard, CGCS to add Jeff L. White, CGCS to the director ballot and to conduct the balloting. Mr. Maynard advised there would be three, two-year positions to be filled. Additionally, as Mr. Sunderman was in the middle of his two-year term, the assembly will vote by ballot to elect to fill that final year remaining on his term. There will be a total of four ballots cast.

In the first ballot for director 7,684 votes were cast as follows:

T.A. Barker, CGCS	1,358
Paul L. Carter, CGCS	336
Jon M. Christenson	172
Christopher Reverie	249
Marc Weston, CGCS	105
Jeff L. White, CGCS	5,464

The chair declared that Mr. White had been duly elected director of the association for a two-year term.

In the second ballot for director a total of 7,687 votes were cast:

T.A. Barker, CGCS	5,519
Paul L. Carter, CGCS	1,333
Jon M. Christenson	289
Christopher Reverie	265
Marc Weston, CGCS	281

The chair declared that Mr. Barker had been duly elected director of the association for a two-year term.

In the third ballot for director a total of 7,687 votes were cast:

Paul L. Carter, CGCS	6,330
Jon M. Christenson	515



Christopher Reverie	336
Marc Weston, CGCS	506

The chair declared that Mr. Carter had been duly elected director of the association for a two-year term.

In the fourth ballot for director a total of 7,686 votes were cast:

Jon M. Christenson	1,644
Christopher Reverie	1,444
Marc Weston, CGCS	4,598

The chair declared that Mr. Weston had been duly elected director of the association for a one-year term.

#### **Presentation of Past President's Blazer**

President Fulling presented the white past president's blazer and plaque to Rafael Barajas, CGCS.

#### **Presentation of the President**

Traditionally, the past presidents assemble in the back of the room to walk the newly elected president to the stage. As the meeting was conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a video tribute was created to congratulate and wish incoming GCSAA President, Mark F. Jordan, CGCS the best of luck. Mr. Jordan virtually received the gavel from Immediate Past President Fulling.

#### **Introduction of the 2021 GCSAA Board of Directors by President Mark F. Jordan, CGCS**

President Jordan introduced the 2021 GCSAA Board of Directors.

Vice President	Kevin P. Breen, CGCS
Secretary/Treasurer	Kevin P. Sunderman, CGCS
Immediate Past President	John R. Fulling, Jr., CGCS
Director	Jeff L. White, CGCS
Director	T.A. Barker, CGCS
Director	Paul L. Carter, CGCS
Director	Douglas D. Dykstra, CGCS
Director	Marc E. Weston, CGCS

#### **Adjournment**

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents Association was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.