**2023 GCSAA Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 9, 2023**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Eastern**

**Room 311 A‐D, Orange County Convention Center**

**Orlando, FL**

Prior to the meeting being called to order, attention was directed to the meeting materials distributed and available electronically:

* 2024 GCSAA Annual Meeting Agenda
* Standing Rules of the Convention
* Minutes from the 2023 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 9:05 a.m.

EST on February 9, 2023, in Room 311 A‐D, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida.

GCSAA President Kevin P. Breen, CGCS presided.

**Introductions**

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

Mark F. Jordan, CGCS Immediate Past President

Jeff L. White, CGCS Secretary/Treasurer

T.A. Barker, CGCS Director

Paul L. Carter, CGCS Director

Douglas D. Dykstra, CGCS Director

Marc E. Weston, CGCS Director

J. Rhett Evans Chief Executive Officer

Ann Guiberson Professional Registered Parliamentarian

**Approval of Credentials Report**

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

4 – Individual Members

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7,812 – members voting through 79 delegates

The total number of votes eligible to be cast at the 2023 Annual Meeting was 7,816. Eight 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 2023 Annual Meeting were approved.

**Approval of Order of Business**

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

**Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the 2023 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 2023 were read into the minutes by GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer Jeff L. White, CGCS.

Recognition of 50‐year members

Jeff L. White, CGCS GCSAA Secretary‐Treasurer read the names of the individuals who would

attain 50 years of membership in 2023.

President Breen thanked all the 50‐year members for their support of GCSAA and the golf course

superintendent profession and recognized Duane Dammeyer for his 50 years of memebrship.

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

Melvin B. Lucas, CGCS Retired, Past President - 60 years

Michael R. Bavier, CGCS Retired, Past President – 57 years

James R. Fitzroy, CGCS Retired, Past President – 56 years

Donald E. Hearn, CGCS Retired, Past President – 53 years

Gray T. Grigg, CGCS, MG Retired, Past President – 52 years

**Report of CEO – Rhett Evans**

**Special Orders**

**Vote on Bylaws Amendments**

GCSAA Standards & Bylaws Committee Chairman John R. Fulling Jr., CGCS brought forth the proposed Bylaws Amendment. The bylaws proposals are as follows:

1. Article VI, Section 1 – voting in the affirmative will allow the immediate past president to serve for two years.
2. Article IX, Section 2 – the proposed amendment regarding the Benevolence Fund aligns bylaws with current management practices.

The proposed Bylaws Amendments passed as follows:

1. Article VI, Section 1

7,707 – For

0 – Against

1. Article IX, Section 2

7,424 – For

1 – Against

**Vote of Dues Adjustment**

GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer Jeff. L White, CGCS brought forth the proposed dues increase. The

proposal will increase Class A and B dues from $430 to $465. Class C dues would increase from $220 to

$240. The dues increase passed as follows:

7,309 – For

446 – Against

**Election of Officers and Directors**

John R. Fulling Jr., CGCS, Nominating Committee Chairman submitted the name of Kevin P. Breen, CGCS for the office of President.

President Breen called upon Secretary/Treasurer Jeff L. White, CGCS to preside over nominations from floor and election of president.

There were no nominations from the floor; therefore, the vote was conducted by voice. Kevin P. Breen, CGCS was elected President.

Chairman Fulling submitted the name of Jeff L. White, CGCS for the office of Vice President.

There were no nominations from the floor. The vote was conducted by voice, and Jeff L. White,

CGCS was elected Vice President.

The next order of business was the election of Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Fulling submitted the

names of T.A. Barker, CGCS and Paul L. Carter, CGCS for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

President Breen called upon Election Chairman Rafael Barajas, 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 7,815 votes were cast. Mr. Barker received 7,130 votes and Mr. Carter received 685. T.A. Barker, CGCS was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Chairman Fulling submitted the following nominations for the open director positions.

H. Scott Griffith, CGCS, Steven J. Hammon, Ryan S. Kraushofer, CGCS, Christopher A. Reverie, Jennifer Torres, Michael Upchurch, and Richard A. Wit, CGCS.

President Breen then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Paul L. Carter, CGCS, was nominated from floor.

President Breen asked Election Chairman Rafael Barajas, CGCS to conduct the balloting. Mr. Barajas

advised there would be three, two‐year positions to be filled.

There will be a total of three ballots cast.

In the first ballot for director 7,815 votes were cast as follows:

H. Scott Griffith, CGCS 107

Steven J. Hammon 184

Ryan Kraushofer, CGCS 285

Christopher A. Reverie 136

Jennifer Torres 36

Michael Upchurch 11

Richard A. Wit, CGCS 94

Paul L. Carter, CGCS 6,469

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

term.

In the second ballot for director a total of 7,815 votes were cast:

Steven J. Hammon 4,988

H. Scott Griffith, CGCS 1,405

Ryan S. Kraushofer, CGCS 920

Christopher A. Reverie 221

Jennifer Torres 58

Michael Upchurch 0

Richard A. Wit, CGCS 223

The chair declared that Mr. Hammon had been duly elected director of the association for a two‐year

term.

In the third ballot for director a total of 7,815 votes were cast:

H. Scott Griffith, CGCS 4,631

Ryan S. Kraushofer, CGCS 1,561

Christopher A. Reverie 457

Jennifer Torres 272

Michael Upchurch 7

Richard A. Wit, CGCS 887

The chair declared that Mr. Griffith had been duly elected director of the association for a two‐year

term.

**New Business**

No new business came before the meeting.

**No Presentation of Past President’s Blazer**

**Presentation of the President**

The past presidents assemble in the back of the room to walked President Breen to stage.

Breen to the stage.

Introduction of the 2023 GCSAA Board of Directors by President Kevin P. Breen, CGCS

President Breen introduced the 2023 GCSAA Board of Directors.

Vice President Jeff L. White, CGCS

Secretary/Treasurer T.A. Barker, CGCS

Immediate Past President Mark F. Jordan, CGCS

Director Paul L. Carter, CGCS

Director Douglas D. Dykstra, CGCS

Director H. Scott Griffith, CGCS

Director Steven J. Hammon

Director Marc E. Weston, CGCS

**Adjournment**

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents Association was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.