

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Nominating Committee has released the candidates for office.

Vice President Randy Nichols of Cherokee Town and Country Club in Dunwoody, Ga., is the lone nominee for president, but there will be competition for vice president and directors.

Vice presidential candidates are Joseph Baidy of Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio, and Gary Grigg of Genoa Lakes Golf Course in Genoa, Nev.

Candidates for director posts are Dave Fearis of Blue Hill Country Club in Kansas City, Mo., Joseph Hahn of Oakhill CC Golf Course in Fairport, N.Y., Charles Passios of the Hyannisport Club in Marstons Mills, Mass., and G.E. Renault III of the Chevy Chase (Md.) Club.

Name: Joseph Baidy
Age: 52
Course: Acacia CC, Lyndhurst, Ohio
Former head superintendent at: Fox Chapel GC, Pittsburgh; Oak Hill CC, Rochester, N.Y.; Manor CC, Rockville, Md.

Years GCSAA member: 28
GCSAA posts held: Current secretary treasurer; chairman of publication/awards, public relations, conference and show, tournament and scholarship and research committees.

Other associations: President of Greater Pittsburgh GCSA; member of Northern Ohio GCSA, Associated Green Industry of Northern Ohio, Ohio Turfgrass Association, American Society of Agronomy, USGA Green Section Committee, Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, Allied GCSA of Pennsylvania.



Joseph Baidy

Education: Bachelors degree in agronomy, Pennsylvania State University.

Family: Wife, Judy; children, Michael, 26, Michelle, 25.

Goal: Chose not to respond.

Views on proposed bylaws changes: Chose not to respond.

Candidates for Vice President

Name: Gary Grigg
Age: 51
Course: Naples (Fla.) National GC
Former head superintendent at: Shadow Glen GC, Olathe, Kan.; The Lodger of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; VP of construction and maintenance, Kindred Management Co.

Years GCSAA member: 22
GCSAA posts held: Director since 1988; chairman of finance and membership committees; past chairman of scholarship and research committee; member of conference planning, future education resource, certification, tournament, nominating and public relations committees.

Other associations: Member of Florida Turfgrass Association, Everglades Chapter of Florida GCSA; former board member of Heart of America GCSA; member of Kansas Turfgrass Foundation, Missouri Valley Turfgrass Association, Texas Turfgrass Association and Southwest Turfgrass Association.

Education: Bachelors degree in agriculture/entomology, Utah State University; masters in agronomy, Michigan State University.
Family: Wife, Coleen; children, Jill, 26, Jared, 24, Aaron, 19, Ryan, 12.

Goal: "We have a good board and have accomplished a lot. The board's responsibility is to analyze and evaluate programs. I have the education and experience to help do that. The most important thing we can do is continue to help superintendents further their education and increase their knowledge base."

Views on proposed bylaws changes: "As a board member, I'm very much in favor of the dialogue taking place over these issues. And whatever happens, I'll support the membership's wishes. In general I support the changes. They could all benefit the association. But I disagree with those who say GCSAA will be in dire distress if they all don't pass."



Gary Grigg

Candidates for President

Name: Randy Nichols
Age: 45
Course: Cherokee Town & CC, Dunwoody, Ga.

Former head superintendent at: Construction superintendent, Chatham Land & Development.

Years GCSAA member: 17
GCSAA posts held: Board member since 1987; current vice president and former secretary/treasurer; chairman of planning, conference and show, tournament, membership and government relations committees.



Randy Nichols

Other associations: Past president of Georgia GCSA; vice president of Georgia Turfgrass Ass'n.; member of Georgia State Golf Ass'n., Advisory Committee and Georgia Golf Hall of Fame Nominating Committee.

Education: Bachelors degree in turfgrass management, Mississippi State University.

Family: Wife, Jan; children, Gina, 21, Greg, 20.

Goal: Chose not to respond.

Views on proposed bylaws changes: Chose not to respond.

Name: Charles Passios
Age: 35
Course: Hyannisport Club, Hyannisport, Mass.

Former head superintendent at: Cummaquid GC, Yarmouthport, Mass.; Middleton (Mass.) GC.

Years GCSAA member: 14
GCSAA posts held: Director since 1990; co-chairman of certification appeals committee; government liaison to board of directors; chairman of public relations and publications committees; vice chairman of certification and education committees; member of teaching resource advisory and government relations committees.



Charles Passios

Other associations: Past president of Cape Cod Turf Managers Association; vice president of GCSA of New England; board member of Mass. Green Industry Council; member of U.S. Golf Association and Mass. Turf & Lawngrass Council.

Education: Associate degree in agronomy, Essex Agricultural and Technical College, Hawthorne, Mass.

Family: Wife, Fran; children, Daniel, 6, Sara, 3.

Goal: "To continue my involvement with the GCSAA and assist in the betterment of the profession."

Views on proposed bylaws changes: "I support all of them. They will go a long way toward determining our association's future and every individual member's future. They will take us to the next level as a profession."

Candidates for Director

Name: Joseph Hahn
Age: 52
Course: Oak Hill CC, Fairport, N.Y.
Former head superintendent at: Locust Hill CC, Pittsford, N.Y.; Braemar CC, Spencerport, N.Y.

Years GCSAA member: 29
GCSAA posts held: Director since 1992; on-site tournament chairman; member of membership, bylaw, organizational study, regionalization and government relations committees.

Other associations: Member of New York State Turfgrass Association and Finger Lakes Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

Education: Graduate of DeSales High School, Lockport, N.Y.; completed many GCSAA seminars and is CGCS.

Family: Wife, Elaine; children, Mary, 28, Tim, 27, Paula, 26, Diana, 24, Heather, 23, Andrew, 22, Shannon, 18.

Goal: "To make sure continuing education stays a primary [GCSAA] focus and to reach out to the present and potential membership at smaller facilities."

Views on proposed bylaws changes: "I support all the issues. They will make for a better operation, better serve members and help those at smaller courses become members."

Name: David Fearis
Age: 46
Course: Blue Hills Country Club, Kansas City, Mo.

Former head superintendent at: Country Club of Peoria (Ill.); technical representative for O.M. Scotts for 4 years.

Years GCSAA member: 25
GCSAA posts held: International Conference and Show speaker, and session chairman; member of association planning, education, government relations, magazine, ethics, public relations, nominating, standards and integrated pest management special risk committees; charter member of Golden Tee Club.

Other associations: Past president of Central Illinois GCSA, Heart of America GCSA and Illinois Turfgrass Foundation; director of Midwest Regional Turf Foundation; member of Missouri Valley Turfgrass Association and Kansas Turfgrass Foundation.

Education: B.S. in agronomy, Purdue University.

Family: Wife, Lynn; children, Blaise, 13.
Goal: "I enjoy people and my GCSAA affiliation. I'll be an active director who will listen to and communicate with members. After all, any association is only as good as its members."

Views on proposed bylaws changes: "Whether they pass or fail, they have the membership interested and active. I'm not in favor of the board having the power to set dues, requiring a simple majority rather than the present two-thirds membership vote to change the bylaws, and adding field staff."



Dave Fearis



Joseph Hahn

Photography regulations stricter this year

ANAHEIM—The board of directors for the Golf Course Superintendents of America (GCSAA) has determined that photography on the trade show floor will be restricted this year.

Only photographers wearing GCSAA-issued armbands will be permitted to take stills or video shots on the trade show floor. The new photography regulations also require a photographer to receive verbal approval from the supervising exhibitor at the booth before photographing an exhibitor's booth or display.

"At the request of our Industrial Advisory Council (IAC), the board felt that this was our best course of action," said GCSAA President William Roberts, CGCS. "There was a need to assist the manufacturers and protect the proprietary nature of their products."

The GCSAA's IAC comprises 14 exhibiting companies.

Only photographers with journalistic- or publicity-related responsibilities will be eligible for a GCSAA photo armband.

Name: George Renault
Age: 44
Course: Burning Tree Club, Bethesda, Md.
Former head superintendent at: Chevy Chase (Md.) Club, Penderbrook GC, Fairfax, Va., Goose Creek CC, Leesburg, Va.

Years GCSAA member: 15
GCSAA posts held: Member of government relations and scholarship and research committees; eight-year voting delegate.

Other associations: Past president of Atlantic Association of GCS and Greater Washington D.C. GCSA; member of University of Maryland Turf Advisory Committee and planning committee for the Maryland Turfgrass Council.



George Renault

Education: Certificate in golf and turfgrass management, University of Maryland.

Family: Wife, Lucinda; children, George, 15, Lucy, 11.

Goal: "I hope to help further educate people directly and indirectly involved in this industry on just what it is we do. We've done a good job educating ourselves, but fallen short educating others."

Views on proposed bylaws changes: "They could all be voted down. It just stresses the need for better communication with the membership."

"There is some good in the changes. But people feel they have had to act on them so quickly that they may just vote them down."