

# 1994 GCSAA Candidates — Thumbnail Sketches

It's Showtime!

Elections will be held during the Annual Meeting scheduled for 8 a.m., Feb. 7.

## VICE PRESIDENT

**Name:** Gary Grigg  
**Age:** 52  
**Course:** Naples (Fla.) National GC  
**Former head superintendent at:** Shadow Glen GC, Olathe, Kan.; The Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; VP of Construction and Maintenance, Kindred Management Co.

**Years GCSAA member:** 23  
**GCSAA posts held:** Re-elected as director and appointed secretary/treasurer of GCSAA board of directors in 1993; GCSAA board member from 1989-93; chairman of scholarship and research, tournament, membership, finance, conference and show committees; vice chairman of public relations committee; member of nominating, certification, developmental study advisory, fundraising, conference planning, seminar planning, and building committees.



Gary Grigg

**Other associations:** Past president of Southern Arizona and New Mexico GCSAs and Southwest Turfgrass Assoc.; board member of Heart of America GCSA; member of Fla. Conservation, Texas Turfgrass and Southwest Turfgrass Associations; former member of Northern California, Cactus and Pine, South Texas, Western Michigan, Northern Michigan and Ozark GCSAs.

**Education:** Bachelors degree in agriculture/entomology, Utah State Univ.; masters in agronomy, Michigan State Univ.

**Family:** Wife, Coleen; children, Jill, 27, Jared, 25, Aaron, 20, Ryan, 13.

**Goal:** "I want to see us improve member services and communications, strengthen our relationship with the chapters and continue our strong education program, which is one of the best in the country. We need to look inward and keep moving forward in the direction the new board has set."

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Name:** Tommy D. Witt  
**Age:** 40  
**Course:** Bent Tree Country Club, Dallas.  
**Former head superintendent at:** Austin (Texas) Country Club; Riverhill Club, Kerrville, Texas.

**Years GCSAA member:** 15  
**GCSAA posts held:** Member of tournament, certification, bylaws resource, conference, fundraising, resource and scholarship and research committees.

**Other associations:** President of Central Texas GCSA; immediate past president of Lone Star GCSA; vice president of North Texas GCSA; chapter liaison and voting delegate for North Texas and Lone Star chapters.

**Education:** B.S. in agronomy with turfgrass management option from Texas A & M University.

**Family:** Wife, Lorrie; Children, Seth, 6, Lauren, 5, Tanner, 2.

**Goal:** "There are two things I'd like to do. First, I want to help improve relations between the national association and the state chapters. The board is laying the ground work for that and President [Randy] Nichols has some good ideas. Second, we need to promote the superintendent profession like the PGA has done with golf pros. The golf professional is seen as a prestigious position. The superintendent is as integral a part of the golf course as the pro and should be seen the same way."



Tommy Witt

**Name:** R. Scott Woodhead  
**Age:** 38  
**Course:** Valley View GC, Bozeman, Mont.  
**Former head superintendent at:** Town & CC, Miles City, Mont.; Univ. of Montana GC, Missoula.

**Years GCSAA member:** 11  
**GCSAA posts held:** Board member since 1993; member of scholarship and research, membership and chapter relations, conference planning, seminar resource and conference and show committees.

**Other associations:** Director and past president of Peaks and Prairie GCSA.

**Education:** Bachelors degree in landscape management, Montana State Univ.

**Family:** Wife, Valerie; children Andrew, 2, Jeremy, 6 mos.

**Goal:** "There are two areas I want to see improvement — first opening better lines of communication between the association board and GCSAA members, and second, providing quality membership services for the dues dollar. Service to members should be the No. 1 priority, not the bottom line on some financial statement. The current board has made a real effort to make the changes that needed to be made."



R. Scott Woodhead

**Name:** Paul McGinnis  
**Age:** 42  
**Course:** Union Hills CC, Sun City Ariz.  
**Former head superintendent at:** Palmbrook CC, Sun City; The Wigwam CC, West Course, Litchfield Park, Ariz.;

**Years GCSAA member:** 16  
**GCSAA posts held:** Board member since 1992; chairman of scholarship and research committee; member of conference and show, tournament, nominating and standards committees.

**Other associations:** Past president of Cactus & Pine GCSA; member of U.S. Golf Association Green Section Committee.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Arizona State University.

**Family:** Wife, Kendra; Children, Marci, 20; Kari, 18; Michelle, 16; Magen, 12.

**Goal:** "I'm running for re-election so I can continue to be a voice in the organization and help keep it going in the direction it is now headed. We're changing executive directors and I'm looking forward to helping him. We're becoming more membership oriented. There are many educational opportunities we're not fully utilizing, yet. That's where I can help the most."



Paul McGinnis

**Name:** Charles Passios  
**Age:** 36  
**Course:** Hyannisport (Mass.) Club  
**Former head superintendent at:** Cummaquid GC, Yarmouthport Mass.; Middletown (Mass.) GC.

**Years GCSAA member:** 15  
**GCSAA posts held:** Board member from 1990-92; co-chairman of certification appeals committee; government liaison to board of directors; chairman of public relations and publications committees; member of teaching resource advisory and government relations committees.

**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 Environment & Turfgrass Committee.

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

**Family:** Wife, Fran; children, Daniel, 7; Sara, 4.

**Goal:** "I want to get back on the board and participate in a leadership role. We need to maintain the vision we had for the future over the next few years. We need to keep membership services at a high level and look beyond ourselves to where we will be in five, 10, 20 years. I hope the board can function in a visionary rather than micromanagement manner."



Charles Passios

## PRESIDENT

**Name:** Joseph Baidy  
**Age:** 53  
**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:** 29  
**GCSAA posts held:** Elected GCSAA vice president in 1993; secretary/treasurer, 1992; chairman of publication/awards, public relations, conference and show, tournament, scholarship and research, finance and planning committees.

**Other associations:** President of Greater Pittsburgh GCSA; member of Northern Ohio GCSA,



Joseph Baidy

Associated Green Industry of Northern Ohio, Ohio Turfgrass Assoc., American Society of Agronomy, USGA Green Section Committee, Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, Allied GCSA of Pennsylvania and Donald Ross Society.

**Education:** Bachelors degree in agronomy, Pennsylvania State Univ.  
**Family:** Wife, Judy; children, Michael, 27, Michelle, 26.

**Goal:** "The primary goal has to be to service the members while enhancing and promoting the superintendent profession. The key is provide quality service and the way to do that is by constantly refining the educational program. Everything we do is like spokes on a wheel with education at the hub."

## GCSAA Schedule

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### • Water Resources

- Chairperson: Jim Key, CGCS
- The Politics of Water in California
  - The Politics of Water in the Northeast
  - The Politics of Water in the Southeast
  - The Politics of Water in the Southwest

### SUNDAY, Feb. 6

- **Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.**  
GCSAA member Robert A. Brame, CGCS, will lead the annual Prayer Breakfast. Now an agronomist for the USGA Green Section's Mid-Atlantic Region, Brame has 18 years experience as a golf course superintendent. Brame was licensed and ordained in 1984 to the gospel ministry by Carmel Baptist Church in Carmel, Indiana. The Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Loews Anatole Hotel with coffee and danish served beforehand at 7 a.m. The breakfast is open to all faiths.

- **Environmental General Session, 9 a.m.**  
Several high-level government officials directly involved in shaping the country's environmental regulations and policies are expected to participate in the not-to-be-missed Session. Government officials from the highest level of the federal government and its regulatory agencies have been asked to participate in the yearly event, designed to provide an important exchange between golf course superintendents and the officials whose actions and decisions affect their daily lives.

- **American Society of Golf Course Architects**
- Trends in Golf Course Design, 1 p.m.
- Today's Relationship Between the Golf Course Architect and Superintendent

- The Alabama Trail: A New Approach to Public Golf
- Restoration... Is It Always a Good Idea?
- Designing for Women... How and Why the Awareness Is Increasing

- **Zoysiagrass Association Session, 1 p.m.**  
New Golf Course Construction with Meyer Z-52 Zoysiagrass Panel discussion by: Frank B. Whitbeck, AZA President
- Billy Fuller, Kite Cupp Development, Atlanta, GA
- Chris Rosio, Superintendent, Covered Bridge Golf Club, Sellersburg, IN
- Kevin Morris, USDA, Beltsville, MD

### MONDAY, Feb. 7 United States Golf Association Green Section Educational Conference

- Golf Keeps America "Green"
- Welcome and Introduction
- Operational and Economic Impacts of Golf
- The Best Turf Tips from the Green Section Staff
- A New Attitude: Audubon, Our Golf Course, and the Community
- More of the Best Turf Tips
- Sand Bunkers: Old and New

- The Best Turf Tips Keep Coming
- Strategies for Successful Long-Term Maintenance of Golf Courses
- Member, PGA Tour
- Last, but Not Least, of the Best Turf Tips
- Team Up with Your Golf Course Owner

The National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA) is holding its 1994 annual meeting in Dallas, in conjunction with GCSAA's 65th International Golf Course Conference and Show. The Golf Course Owners meeting is scheduled February 7-10. Register your course owner now. You both will see everything there is to see in the golf course Mgt. industry and have the opportunity to attend the educational offerings scheduled for this event.