



## **OFFICE OF PRESIDENT**



**JEFF L. WHITE, CGCS**  
**INDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
**MISSION HILLS, KS**

**GCSAA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**PERSONAL DATA**

**Name:** Mr. Jeff L White, CGCS

**Title:** Director of Agronomy

**Home:** 6847 Tomahawk Rd

**Club / Course:** Indian Hills Country Club

**City:** Mission Hills

**Number of Holes:** 18

**State:** KS

**Type of Course:** Private

**Zip:** 66208-2177

**Primary Phone:** (913)617-5462

**Business Phone:** (913)362-6204

**Responsibilities:** Perform and manage all duties related to the care, maintenance, and improvement of an 18 Hole Private club. Including course, common, practice areas, business and fiscal management, capital projects, and assisting all other club departments as needed.

**Responsible to:** General Manager & Board of Governors

**EDUCATIONAL DATA**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Degree Date</b>	<b>Major</b>
Iowa State University	Ames	IA	5/15/1993	Bachelors Degree in Turf/Plant Science

**EMPLOYMENT DATA**

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Title of Position</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Indian Hills Country Club	Director of Agronomy	4/8/2013	
Lake Quivira Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	12/14/2005	4/7/2013
Falcon Ridge Golf Course	Regional Golf Course Superintendent	11/21/2000	11/8/2005

**CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

Youth Sports Coaching  
Olathe North High School Booster

**GCSAA ACTIVITIES**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2023 GCSAA Women's Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2023 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council	Vice Chairman	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
GCSAA Board of Directors	Vice-president	2/10/2023	2/1/2024
2022 Chapter Delegate Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/26/2022	10/27/2022
2022 Allan MacCurrach Jr. Award Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 GCSAA Scholars Competition Task group	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023

2022 Chapter Outreach Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Melrose Leadership Academy Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
GCSAA Board of Directors	Secretary/Treasurer	2/1/2022	2/9/2023
2021 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/22/2021	10/22/2021
Certification Committee	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Government Affairs Committee	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Assistant Superintendent Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
MacCurrach Award Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Political Action Committee	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/4/2021	2/10/2022
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/24/2020	11/1/2020
Assistant Superintendent Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Communications/Outreach Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Research Proposal Review Committee	Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Government Affairs Committee	Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Certification Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	1/30/2020	2/4/2021
Political Action Committee	Chairman	1/24/2020	1/23/2021
2019 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/30/2019	11/1/2019
Assistant Superintendent Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Membership Recruitment and Retention	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
BMP Grants Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Government Affairs Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Conference Education Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Chapter Affiliation Agreement Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/7/2019	1/30/2020
Political Action Committee	Vice Chairman	1/22/2019	1/21/2020
2018 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/19/2018	11/30/2018
Student Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
BMP Grants Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
GCM Editorial Board Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/8/2018	2/7/2019

2017 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/20/2017	11/30/2017
Tournament Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2017	2/28/2018
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2017	2/28/2018
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/8/2016	9/8/2017
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2016	2/28/2017
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2015	10/28/2015
Board Policy Oversight Task Group	Member Superintendent	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Nominating Committee	Member Superintendent	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Grassroots Ambassadors		10/1/2014	
2014 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2014	10/16/2014
Melrose Leadership Academy Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2014	3/1/2015
2013 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/9/2013	10/4/2013
Scholarship Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2013	3/1/2014
2012 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	10/5/2012	10/7/2012
Scholarship Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2012	3/1/2013
2011 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	10/28/2011	10/30/2011
Research Proposal Review Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2009	3/1/2010
Research Proposal Review Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2008	3/1/2009

#### LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Heart of America GCSA	Director	11/2/2022	
Heart of America GCSA	Director	11/3/2021	11/2/2022
Heart of America GCSA	Voting Delegate	11/4/2015	6/21/2016
Ozark Turf Association	Voting Delegate	2/21/2012	8/27/2012
Heart of America GCSA	PDI Representative	10/28/2011	
Heart of America GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/11/2011	6/21/2015
Heart of America GCSA	Director	11/2/2010	11/8/2011
Heart of America GCSA	Voting Alternate	1/6/2010	11/4/2015
Heart of America GCSA	President	11/1/2004	11/1/2005
Heart of America GCSA	Secretary	11/1/2003	11/1/2004
Heart of America GCSA	Director	11/1/2000	10/31/2006

#### ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date
Kansas Turfgrass Foundation	Director	2018	2020

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Only Class A superintendents whose classification truly reflects their current employment are eligible for office in GCSAA.

**500 WORD STATEMENT**

I am blessed and honored having served you and our nearly 20,000 members as Vice President. I greatly appreciate your continued trust in allowing me to help lead OUR association. Words cannot describe how exciting and humbling it is being nominated to be YOUR next GCSAA President. I must thank my peers and colleagues from the Heart of America GCSA for their continued support and the nomination.

I am a proud GCSAA member of 33 years and CGCS since 2002. I was Past President and Board member of the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association and served on and led numerous local and national committees, task groups, and foundations. These experiences have increased my knowledge and skill set and have prepared me to help lead GCSAA as your next President. Previous employment opportunities have provided me with a broad and well-rounded business sense, working in public, private, and managed properties with varying expectations, budgets, and resources.

This Board often refers to our Mission Statement: "GCSAA is dedicated to serving its members, advancing their profession, and improving communities through the enjoyment, growth, and vitality of the game of golf". We accept the challenge and due diligence necessary to help make decisions favoring our membership's best interest.

Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to become GCSAA President. I am thankful and appreciative for mentors that led me down this path, teaching me the importance of belonging to something larger than myself, giving back, building, and using a network, and elevating awareness and respect for our members and their profession. They also demonstrated that committing time and effort needed in opening other's eyes to the importance, value, and community that the game of golf provides lies as much on our membership's shoulders as it does with our industry allies and partners.

Serving you on the board as Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and currently Vice President has been very rewarding, yet challenging at the same time. Seeing GCSAA continually moving forward, providing quality programs and services to our members yields the reward. The challenge is trying to maintain, improve, and provide more value to membership while balancing affordability and fiscal responsibility.

Member services, education, and programs are paramount, and we must continue creating and building the value of membership. Advocacy remains a primary and more involved focus as GCSAA, and the game navigates difficult and divisive political times. I promise to work hard alongside our very talented GCSAA staff and fellow Board members promoting our association and profession. Collectively, we will do whatever is necessary to continue providing and improving quality and affordable member benefits.

Next year, the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show travels to Phoenix! I hope to reconnect with many of you there during an educational event, on the show floor and especially at our Annual Meeting. It is always great to catch up with old friends and colleagues and meet new people while attending the best networking and educational experience in the industry.

I am thankful for and appreciate the opportunity, trust, and support of becoming your next GCSAA President.

Respectfully Yours,  
JEFF L WHITE CGCS

**DATE  
SUBMITTED:**

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## Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association

Jonathan Bennett  
Heart of America GCSA President  
Sunflower Hills Golf Course  
12200 Riverview Avenue  
Bonner Springs, Kansas 66012

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

Dear GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman,

As President of the Heart of America GCSA Chapter, I would formally like to nominate Mr. Jeff L. White for President of GCSAA.

Jeff L. White holds a tremendous value to the Heart of America Chapter and we are very proud to nominate him for President. Jeff's leadership, work ethic, and mentorship are just a few character traits that put him on top of the list of qualifying superintendents to fill the position of President.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bennett".

Jonathan Bennett  
President HAGCSA