



Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association

To All Heart of America GCSAA Members:

On behalf of the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association (HAGCSA), I am pleased to announce that effective March 1, 2022, Sandy Queen, CGCS, Retired, has been named as the Executive Director for the HAGCSA.

Sandy has been a member of the association since 1974 and served two terms as President in 1985 and 1987. Sandy also served for five years as the editor of the Heart Beat magazine.

His career in golf course maintenance began in 1974 working at the St. Andrews Golf Course in Overland Park, Kansas, serving as Superintendent and eventually serving as Manager of Golf Course Operations overseeing Overland Park Golf Club, the construction of the Westlinks Golf Course, and clubhouse operations spanning a career of 40 years working for the City of Overland Park managing its golf operations. In addition to holding all the offices on the board of directors for the HAGCSA, Sandy was also elected to the National GCSAA Board of Directors in 2006, serving as President in 2012, along with serving as President of the Environmental Institute for Golf. Serving the profession has been his passion and continues to be called to serve to this day.

In 2014, Sandy retired from the City of Overland Park and began his own consulting firm, "Profitable Golf"; working with many golf courses across the country and continues to consult today.

It is the intention of the HAGCSA to continue our great relationship with our current association management company, WEDA, specifically with Kim Weitzel; and for their focus to be on administrative operations. Sandy will serve as a personal contact for our members, working on increasing attendance, participation, and involvement with association activities. His focus will also be on fund raising and growth of membership. It is hoped Sandy will become a point of contact for our members and he also plans to visit each facility over the next two years.

In other news, Brent Stephenson, current Past President of HAGCSA, has decided to resign from his position with Great Life Golf, and begin a new adventure with his wife. Brent has been a great asset to this Chapter and a great friend to all. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors! Replacing Brent as Past President will be our most recent Past President, Ethan Shamet. Ethan will tag team with Sandy this year with their main goal increasing our membership!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me: jonathan@sunflowerhillsgolfcourse.com or (913) 291-5347.

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

Jonathan Bennett
President