



ASGCA ESSENTIALS

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## Gary Brawley, ASGCA, nominated to join Executive Committee

Gary Brawley, ASGCA, has been nominated to join the ASGCA Executive Committee, pending election by the ASGCA Board of Governors.

Nominating Committee Chairman and Immediate Past President Mike Benkusky, ASGCA, announced Brawley will join the Executive Committee as Secretary at the ASGCA Board of Governors meeting in October. At that time, Benkusky will leave the Committee; ASGCA members Mark Mungeam will move to President; Bill Bergin to Vice President; Chris Wilczynski to Treasurer and Brian Costello to Immediate Past President.

A native of Northern California, Brawley grew up in the foothills of Ukiah, where the traditions of golf first inspired him to pursue a career in course design. After reaching out to Don Knott, ASGCA, Brawley followed his advice to study Landscape Architecture and immerse himself in the game. He earned his degree from Colorado State University while gaining hands-on experience with the City of Loveland's golf course maintenance team.

Brawley's professional path began with Dave Dale, ASGCA, in Northern California, where he learned the art of producing large-scale plans by hand using ink and mylar. He then spent two years with Wadsworth Golf Construction in Arizona as Senior Estimator for the Southwest Division, gaining critical insight into the construction side of the business.

Brawley's design career formally launched under the mentorship of Gary Panks, ASGCA, who gave him the responsibility and training to establish himself as an architect. Later, he partnered with Tripp Davis, ASGCA, spending 11 years on historic renovations and international projects that honed his design philosophy and attention to detail.

In 2014, Brawley founded Gary Brawley Golf Design in Peoria, Arizona, built on three core principles: traditional values, innovative design, and sustainable results. His work spans Arizona, California, New Mexico, Texas and Minnesota, balancing artistry, strategy and long-term environmental responsibility.

"I've always believed you get out of the ASGCA what you put into it," Brawley says. "I look forward to working with my fellow Board members to uphold our values while strengthening the organization for the future."

He currently serves on the ASGCA Board of Governors and has been a member of the Annual Meeting's golf committee.

Beyond design, Gary and his wife Tiffany are raising four children—Joshua, Nathan, Macy and Teanna. Together, they stay active in their church community, enjoy golf, cooking and smoking meats, and spending time with family and friends.



*Gary Brawley, ASGCA*