



# PGA

Colorado Section

## New Officers at the Helm at Colorado PGA

*Hajek, Matthews-Kane and O'Donnell Take Oath of Office*



Jim Hajek, PGA  
President



Cathy Matthews-Kane, PGA  
Vice President



Mike O'Donnell, PGA  
Secretary

**Larkspur, Colo.** -- As with so many events in 2020, the Colorado PGA held its Fall Membership Meeting on a virtual platform. It was during this Monday, October 19, meeting that the new slate of officers took their oath of office and will begin their two-year terms.

Incoming President Jim Hajek, PGA, Head Professional at Fossil Trace Golf Club, shared his appreciation for all that the Membership accomplished this year. From sold-out tee-sheets and increased memberships to ensuring our facilities were the much needed and cherished normal atmospheres our members and guests so needed. It was difficult but it also sets up an opportunity for great things in 2021 and beyond. As we **Chart Our Way Forward**, Hajek challenged the Membership to continue to seize the opportunities so that our game, as well as our professionals and communities, continue to thrive.

"The Colorado PGA has a tremendous reputation for being the leaders of golf in Colorado and growing the game," shares Hajek. "It is an honor to serve alongside so many great men and women who are passionate about this extraordinary game. We look forward to offering improved educational opportunities to our membership and to expound upon programs that benefit golf all across the Colorado Section."

Also serving as Colorado Section officers in 2021 and 2022 are Vice President Cathy Matthews-Kane, PGA, General Manager at the Country Club of Colorado, and Secretary Michael O'Donnell, PGA Master Professional, Director of Family & Morale, Welfare & Recreation at the United States Army Garrison at Fort Carson.

"I am honored and privileged to represent the 862 men and women of the Colorado Section," says Matthews-Kane. "I am excited to serve our membership alongside such tremendous professionals as Jim and Mike. Golf has afforded me the opportunity to travel and network in ways that I never imagined. This is one way that I can give back to the game I love."

"It is an honor to serve as an officer of the Colorado Section," expresses O'Donnell. "As an officer, it is a tremendous responsibility to help guide our Section into the future and always ensure that the best interests of our Membership remains the top priority."

The Colorado PGA Board of Directors were also sworn in. Joe Carlton, PGA, Head Professional at Legacy Ridge Golf Course, was elected onto the Board during the Spring Business Meeting and will now begin serving his first term on the Board.

In his message as outgoing President, Ben Welsh, PGA, Head Professional at Frost Creek Golf Club, thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve in this role for the last two years. He shared, as his dad would say, who would have ever imagined that a punk kid from the City Park Nine Golf Course in Fort Collins would have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Welsh expressed his appreciation, "It has been the honor of my career to be entrusted with the leadership of your Colorado PGA Section, the best of the 41! I am extremely proud of all that we have accomplished during my time on the Board, including the creation of the Golf in Schools Programs, Colorado PGA LEAD, the Colorado PGA Women's Championship, the Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado and the creation of our PGA REACH Trustees. We have achieved so much."