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Debbie Amirault of the Quarry Golf Club in Edmonton has been sworn in as president of the [Canadian Golf Superintendents Association](#). She is the first female president of the CGSA in its 45-year history.

She takes over as president and chair of the board of directors from outgoing president Greg Holden, superintendent at Clear Lake Golf Course in Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba.



Debbie Amirault

Amirault has a 30-year background in golf course management, including 25 years as superintendent at Edmonton's Royal Mayfair Golf and Country Club, site of the 2007 CN Canadian Women's Open.

"As president for 2011-2012, my goals are to continue the vision of the CGSA as set out in our strategic plan. The plan calls for the association to provide professional development opportunities, promote the value of the association and its members to the golf community and be a leader in addressing environmental issues" said Amirault.

Amirault has been a member of the CGSA board of directors for the past six years. She was the chair of the 2008 conference and trade show in Calgary and has chaired the Member Services Committee for several years. She is currently serving on the board of directors of the Canadian Turfgrass Research Foundation, representing the CGSA.

Other members elected to the board of directors at the Vancouver AGM were Tim Kubash of the Salmon Arm Golf Club in Salmon Arm, B.C., who was elected as vice president, Greg Austin of the Williams Lake Golf and Tennis Club (director, B.C), James Beebe, of the Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club (director, Alberta) and Kyle Kellgren, of the Jackfish Lodge Golf and Conference Centre (director, Saskatchewan).

All of the director positions noted are for two year terms (2011 – 2013).

John Mills, superintendent at Northumberland Links Golf Club in Pugwash, N.S., was named secretary treasurer and Jim Flett, superintendent at Muskoka Lakes Golf and Country Club in Port Carling, Ont., was confirmed as Ontario Director, replacing the retiring Jarrod Barakett.

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