

Get To Know Your Incoming Chair

Gary L . Brackett

RFMA is excited to welcome our 2018 Chair, Gary Brackett. Learn more about Brackett and his RFMA and restaurant facilities journey below.

How long have you been in the facilities industry? 14 years.

How long have you been a part of RFMA? Seven years.

What is your favorite part of being involved with RFMA? Meeting new people and learning new ways of managing facilities issues.

What are you looking forward to the most about being Chair of the RFMA Board? The opportunity to work with staff and continue building on RFMA's positive momentum.

What is your favorite part of the RFMA Annual Conference? I love meeting new suppliers and seeing new innovative products. And, of course, the golf tournament!

What is your favorite movie? "Chisum" with John Wayne.

Where is your favorite place in the world? Anywhere with a golf course.

If you could meet anyone from history who would it be? Mark Twain.

What was the best concert you ever attended? Sammy Hagar.

If you could be any animal what would you be? A grizzly bear in remote Alaska.

What's the best meal you've ever had? A Wagyu ribeye at Steak 44 in Phoenix.

What has been your proudest moment in your career? Most recently, it was being nominated and voted to chair RFMA. It is an honor to be asked to serve such a well-respected organization.

What do you believe is the most important quality in a leader? Leadership courage. I am lucky to have grown up in the servant-leadership culture for the entirety of my professional career at Starbucks and TD Industries, where senior leadership exhibits high levels of trust and encourages partners to challenge and grow.

Who is your biggest role model? I don't have a single role model, but over the years I have had many admirable leaders. I try to incorporate traits from each of them into my style.

What is your favorite part of your job? Being in our stores and connecting with store partners to better understand the challenges they face every day. The knowledge allows me to help influence design and construction to begin to solve the root cause of some of their issues.