It’s May already…how did that happen so quickly?! It’s been a year since I returned to BIGGA and I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 12 months.

I was able to get out and about towards the end of last year and attended many section AGM’s and golf events and I would like to thank all those people I met for making me feel very welcome. I hope to do the same again this year and look forward to meeting as many members as possible.

While I am out and about please feel free to chat to me about any issues you may have regarding your BIGGA Membership or BIGGA in general. Let me know how we (BIGGA HQ) are doing, whether it’s positive or negative your feedback is invaluable to us, it lets us know what we are getting right and wrong!

Valuing Your Section

As you are aware, the 26 sections within our five regions are run by volunteers, a vital part of the Association.

Our Section Teams are involved in many local run activities both social and educational.

Information can be found by reading ‘Around the Green’ in Greenkeeper International, logging into the members area of the BIGGA Website and selecting ‘Region and Section Pages’ from the list in the left hand side panel.

Also, many local sections now have their own website pages.

I know we are coming into a busy time for all greenkeepers but please support your local section when you can, local events are a great way of making new contacts, new friends and sharing ideas or common problems!

The Integration of Sports Turf Groundscare Staff into BIGGA Membership

You may have seen the highlighted box in March’s issue of Greenkeeper International (Page 9) giving some facts about this topic, which hopefully cleared up any concerns any member had.

If you haven’t seen the article have a look through your copies of Greenkeeper International and have a read.

This article answers many questions which members had about integration of groundscare staff working on sports turf into membership of BIGGA.

Your Vote Counts

Next month every member of BIGGA, who is eligible, will be asked to vote on the integration of sports turf groundscare staff into full membership of BIGGA.

Due to the recent changes in the Constitution this can now be done either in person or by Proxy at the AGM.

A Proxy is someone you choose to attend the meeting to vote on your behalf.

You can appoint the Chairman of the meeting or someone else.

If you appoint a Proxy to vote on your behalf and your Proxy does not attend the meeting your vote will not be counted.

A Proxy Voting Form will be sent to eligible members, during the course of the month, asking them to vote.

Please take the time to complete the form and use your vote.

To adapt Lord Kitchener’s well known saying “Your Association Needs You”.

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