Director McLoughlin $1.4M; appeal expected

Council to try to work this out from within... and they didn't," Lucas said. "I feel glad Jim has won. The settlement is sizable and I don't feel good about that. But they certainly had many years to digest a lot of very good information. They had opportunities to reverse some of these things and it wouldn't have gone this far."

Lucas said he holds no grudges, is always well received in GCSAA circles, and is as active as probably any past president. "Which isn't very active," he added.

As for McLoughlin, he said he was without a job for four years after leaving the GCSAA, because of harmful written and oral statements made against him mainly by three GCSAA officials.

He started The McLoughlin Group, a golf consulting business, in 1984. But it has taken him seven years to re-establish himself in the golf industry, he said.

"Every association in golf dropped me from their long-standing committees," he said. "This lawsuit will hopefully change that."

McLoughlin applauded the few people who "stood up and confronted the storm when it was very unpopular to do so... Not only am I pleased for myself, but also for them."

He singled out Lucas, Bavier and Wyllie; the late Don Rossi, who was executive director of the Golf Course Builders of America and Golf Cart Manufacturers Association; Robert MacNally, president of Tommy Armour Golf and a board member of the National Golf Foundation; National Club Association Executive Vice President Gerald Hurley; Massachusetts Golf Association Executive Director Dick Haskell; USGA Western Regional Affairs Manager Ron Reed of Pebble Beach, Calif.; USGA ex-Communications Director John Morris; and Chuck Martin, superintendent at McLoughlin's home, Whippoorwill Club in Armonk, N.Y.

"Unfortunately, there has been a cloud over this part of the profession for eight years. Everybody's had to choose one side or the other. That cloud will be gone shortly... I have a high regard for the profession. I have a high regard for the GCSAA... Now I hope I'll have an opportunity to work closely in that area again. "It's time to go on and do the good things golf is all about. This makes all of that possible."