CMAA elects new officers at annual conclave

NEW ORLEANS — The Minnesota connection took the reins at the Club Managers Association of America's 68th Annual Conference held here last month. Norman J. Spitzig, general manager of the Oak Ridge Country Club (CC) in Hopkins, Minn., was elected president and George Carroll of Town & Country Club in St. Paul vice president of the 5,000-member association.

Spitzig has been at Oak Ridge since 1993. Before that, he was general manager at Fort Wayne (Ind.) Country Club. He has served on several national committees and been active at the chapter level, including the presidency of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter and director of the Ohio Valley Chapter. He earned a bachelor's degree from Boston College and master's from Ohio State University.

Carroll has been at Town and Country Club since 1986. Prior to this he was general manager of Southview CC in West St. Paul. A CMAA member since 1979 and board member since 1988, Carroll earned a bachelor's degree from St. Thomas College in St. Paul and was president of the Upper Midwest Chapter.

John Jordan, general manager of Cherokee Town & Country Club in Atlanta for the past 28 years was elected secretary/treasurer.

Also elected to the board were Paul Skilton of Troon Golf & Country Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.; Sandra Frappier of the Summit Club in Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Thomas Anderson of the Wrigley Mansion Club in Phoenix; and Robert Lee of Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club in Menlo Park, Calif.

... in other CMAA News:
- Spitzig was one of six recipients of the new Master Club Manager designation recognized during the annual meeting. The MCM demonstrates a high level of professionalism, leadership and intellectual achievement within the club management industry. Others receiving the MCM distinction included James Brewer of the Los Angeles Country Club; Edward Henderson of Portage Country Club in Akron, Ohio; Jerry McCoy of The Montgomery (Ala.) Country Club; Graham McDevon of Carmel Country Club in Charlotte, N.C.; and Mac Winker of The Racquet Club of Memphis (Tenn.).
- The association has introduced a new member computer network called CLUBNET. Intended for full implementation by summer, every club manager who has access to a computer and modem will be on line through CLUBNET and have access to the Internet as well.
- The association has launched a comprehensive, anti-drug initiative for the club industry in conjunction with Robert Stutman & Associates and the U.S. Department of Labor. The CMAA Drug-Free Workplace Program offers customized policy development, a hotline for supervisors and employees, legal updates throughout the year and state-of-the-art drug and alcohol testing at prices well below what most small businesses are required to pay on the open market.

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