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JOHN MAC GREGOR, formerly vice-president of the National Association of Greenkeepers, was elected to the presidency of the organization at an executive committee meeting held Sept. 26 and 27 at Hotel Statler, Cleveland, O. John Morley, president of the greenkeepers' association, was made president emeritus.

Morley was the leading spirit in bringing the greenkeepers into a national association five years ago and has been president of the body since its organization. Demands made on Morley's time by organization activities has been so great they have retarded complete recovery from a severe illness more than a year ago.

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MacGregor, who takes up the active leadership of the organization, is superintendent at Chicago G. C., former president of the Midwest Greenkeepers’ assn. and rated as one of the ranking course experts of the country. He is a direct, sincere and competent Scot and takes up the duties Morley resigned at a time when harmony and ambition are high in the organization. These are trying times, in more ways than one, for the course superintendents, but with the assurance of co-operation MacGregor has received from his associates in official capacities and in the rank and file, it is confidently expected that his administration will be one of rich achievement.

Wm. J. Sansom was made first v.-p. of the organization at the executive meeting. Fred Burkhardt is secy.-treas. of that organization. Burkhardt also is chairman of the exhibition committee of the greenkeepers’ annual affair which will be held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, starting Jan. 31, 1933. Burkhardt will have space contracts for the show in circulation soon. A reduction of 50 cents a foot from previous rental prices will be made in the 1933 show rates.

Preliminary plans for the conference were approved at the Cleveland meeting. The tentative program gives definite promise of an intensely practical and valuable meeting.

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