Taxes and the controversial question of supporting the National Club Association highlighted the 36th annual conference of the CMAA at the Palmer House in Chicago in February.

John G. Outland, general manager of the Dallas CC, was elected CMAA president for 1963, succeeding John W. Bennett, general manager of the San Francisco Commercial Club. Clem Young, general manager of the Cleveland AC, was elected vice president, and Charles E. Smith, general manager of the Chevy Chase (Maryland) Club, is the new secretary-treasurer.

Tax problems were discussed at two different sessions by Walter Slowinski and Michael Waris, Washington members of the firm of Baker, McKenzie and Hightower. The two legal counselors for the CMAA explained the new tax laws and also conducted a tax clinic during which they answered questions on tax problems in club operation.

Stirs Up A Storm

The appearance of Frank Hathaway, secretary of the fledgling National Club Assn., who outlined the aims and plans of his organization during the opening session, touched off one of the most hotly contested debates in many a recent conference at the final business meeting, when the pros and cons of supporting the NCA were aired by several delegates. As a final action, the delegates gave the members of the CMAA board of directors a rising vote of confidence. Thus it will be the directors' responsibility to decide whether the CMAA shall give the NCA the directors' responsibility to decide by Hathaway.

The conference was officially opened Thursday morning by President Bennett and G. V. Marlatt of Flossmoor (Ill.) CC, conference general chairman. Marlatt and members of the Greater Chicago Chapter planned the meeting.

Carrying out the conference theme, "Chicago, the International City," each luncheon, dinner and special event saluted a particular country or region featuring native foods, dress, customs and song. The many social events were crowned by the formal reception and an international ball.

It's Hawaii in '64

The 1964 conference, awarded to Hawaii will be held Jan. 22-26 at Hilton's Hawaiian Village in Honolulu.

Two chapter awards were made. The Mile High Chapter, whose president is Laurice T. (Bud) Hall of Pinehurst CC in Littleton, Colo., won the chapter achievement award. Utah won the Texas Lone Star Chapter attendance plaque for having the greatest percentage of its members present for the conference.

Winner of the publicity award was the Houston Club, Henry Barbout, manager. Runners-up were the Interlachen CC of Minneapolis, in the country club division, and The Pacific Club of Honolulu, in the city club division. Hall's Pinehurst CC also won first prize for club publications without advertising. The Olympic Club, San Francisco won the award for club publications with advertising.