Our G.C.S.A.A. National Conference is now history and from all reports it turned out to be a huge success. Attendance records were set to make this conference and show the biggest in G.C.S.A.A.'s history.

The equipment hall was large and roomy and provided a great showplace for all the distributors and their equipment. I'm sure many questions were answered that week to make both superintendent and distributor happy. I enjoy the equipment show the most because you can get answers, prices and generally compare equipment all in one trip. Many people feel the equipment show alone is worth the price to attend the National Conference.

I'm sure there are many members who have never attended a National Conference. It would be worth your time to talk to club officials to express your interest in attending if you desire going. Remember you don't have to be a G.C.S.A.A. member to attend. I'm sure you and your club would benefit from your participation at the National Conference.

The show has many fine educational sessions. You have the option to attend what interests your particular situation so your time is well spent. This year a photography course and a Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course were offered along with many golf course related subjects.

Our Minnesota Association was represented by approximately 60 members who arrived by airplane and automobile. We enjoyed great weather (for St. Louis, anyway) all week long. It reached 62° the day I left and many I heard were out on the golf courses.

The famous arch in St. Louis was one of the sites of the city which was very popular and is an incredible piece of architecture. Even more incredible was the thirty-minute movie on how the arch was built. Other sites included the Budweiser Brewery, Busch Stadium, Lacedes Landing and, of course, the huge riverboats. St. Louis had plenty to offer the superintendents that week.

Special thanks go out to R. L. Gould for arranging a flight to St. Louis and to Minnesota Toro for the fine cocktail party. Our Associate Members are vital to our association and we thank all of them for making the stay in St. Louis enjoyable.

For those who attended the National Conference and feel a question went unanswered or if you have a gripe, please contact the headquarters of the National with your suggestions. They can use improvement like everyone else and may put your ideas to good use.

Well, next year can only be bigger and better. Anaheim, California is a gorgeous place to hold a conference with many interesting places to visit. If you have not attended a conference and would like to, start making your plans now. I guarantee you and your golf club can only improve from your participation.