GCSAA Bylaws—
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• Creating a new membership class for educators and extension officers, who are currently included in the Affiliate or Associate classifications; allowing the board to lower dues for Retired members; making Honorary membership permanent unless revoked; and requiring the board to set Standing Rules regarding the privileges of Affiliate members.

Dues Authority

• Preserving the membership’s authority to set dues for Classes AA, A, B and C through regular ballot voting procedures instead of the current voice vote, while assigning responsibility for setting other membership classifications’ dues to the board of directors.

Accountability

• Requiring two-thirds majority of the board of directors to approve the execution of any mortgage or loan document that would incur financial obligation for future boards of directors.
• Requiring the printing, in a GCSAA membership publication, of an official post election report of voting records by chapter name, and by totals of individual votes and totals of proxy votes. (Note: If approved, this amendment would not take effect until the 1995 annual meeting, due to current ballot requirements.)
• Making the submission of false information on any membership application or dues statement an offense punishable by discipline or expulsion; eliminating the current reinstatement requirement of payment of all past-due amounts.

Other Issues

• Updating the organization’s mission to reflect the importance of environmental awareness in golf course management, and to make the association’s bylaws and articles of incorporation match.
• Changing the secretary/treasurer position from an appointment to an elected office.
• Clarifying the secretary/treasurer’s official duties.
• Naming the president, vice president and secretary/treasurer as trustees of the Benevolence Fund.
• Retitling the association’s chief executive “CEO” instead of “executive director.”

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STILLWATER CC’S Kevin Clunis is the new MGCSA Vice President.
(Ed. Note: This month we introduce TEE TALK, a new column written by our executive director, Scott Turtinen. Its principal purpose is to provide useful information gathered at our MGCSA office and keep you informed about a variety of behind-the-scenes activity.)

** NEED A ROOMMATE AT DALLAS? ** Our office already has received one inquiry from a superintendent who would like to share a room at the GCSAA’s annual conference and show in Dallas. Chances are there are more of you who might like to do the same. Please call, and we’ll serve as a clearing house and do our best to get interested persons together.

** SPEAKING OF DALLAS, ** don’t forget to mark Friday, February 4, 1994 on your calendar. That’s when MGCSA associates will host what always is a great Minnesota party at the national show. More information may be found on Page 12.

** UPDATING OUR ROSTER— ** This is the time of year we update the MGCSA’s Membership Roster. Forms requesting updated information have been mailed to all members. They ask for current classification, business and home addresses and telephone numbers, fax machine number, spouse’s name, whether you are a GCSAA member and if you are a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS). When you respond, please type or print your information clearly since we want to make the roster as accurate as we possibly can.

** CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS COMING— ** From most comments we’ve heard, the 1993 MGCSA Conference, Business Meeting and Trade Show was received very well. The surveys taken at the show are being processed and the results will be published in the next issue of Hole Notes.

** A Touching Tribute to Howard Kaerwer **— As noted on Page 6 of this issue, the MGCSA lost a great friend when Howard E. Kaerwer died a week before he was to receive our association’s Distinguished Service Award. Larry Vetter, a close friend, accepted Mr. Kaerwer’s award in behalf of the family and gave a very touching tribute, part of which is contained in the Page 6 remembrance. Vetter’s written comments also were displayed at Mr. Kaerwer’s memorial service. Barbara Kaerwer, his widow, told our office how much she appreciated what the MGCSA had done and extends her thanks to all. She reiterated that her late husband was so appreciative of receiving the award before he died.

** MIA-PACS, OGA-SAAR OR MGCSA-27— ** These are various approaches to remembering the MGCSA’s “800” number, but perhaps it’s just as easy to remember 1-800-642-7227, with the first part going down in a neat descending order and the second part sounding like an airplane with an extra “2.” Whatever, call us at that number or 473-0557 in the metro area if you have a question, need something or want to share some information.

** HOPES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY ** go out to Wedgewood Valley’s Jerry Webb, who injured his shoulder while playing hockey.

** HONORARY MEMBERS **— The MGCSA welcomes Reed Mackenzie of Mackenzie & Hallberg; Dick Bennett, Minnesota Golf Course Services, and the MGA’s Ross Galarneault as Honorary members of the association.

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