GCSAA International Management Program Captures Prestigious Achievement Award

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has captured the top international management honor awarded by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE).

GCSAA garnered the coveted international management award for its success in developing and administering a highly effective program involving all aspects of international management. The program addresses items such as membership, educational conferences and seminars, trade shows, informational services, technical assistance, multilingual trade publications and many others, and is targeted at golf course superintendents in every corner of the world.

The program’s remarkable success has earned GCSAA one of only three International Achievement Awards given by ASAE this year. The award was presented during a ceremony August 23 in Minneapolis.

"With a burgeoning number of international golf courses under construction or development, GCSAA took advantage of the opportunity to provide educational programs and services to international golf course management professionals," ASAE said in announcing the award. "Through its efforts, such as opening an extension office in Singapore... for its Pacific Rim members, GCSAA hopes to better serve its members all over the world."

Altogether, nearly 13,000 members in some 50 countries around the world take advantage of the educational programs, services and other benefits that GCSAA provides for the golf course management profession.

"GCSAA is very flattered to have been chosen to receive this prestigious award. A lot of very talented and dedicated people worked diligently to achieve the successes that are being recognized. We are all very proud of these efforts on behalf of the members of GCSAA," said John M. Schilling, GCSAA chief executive officer. "A growing number of superintendents around the world have asked us to share our knowledge with them and we obliged. We think it was the appropriate thing to do, and we plan to continue with and expand those activities.

GCSAA was founded in 1926 to advance the art and science of golf course management through professional education. The experience gained in 66 years of successfully developing and delivering educational programs and the commitment to providing quality education to the superintendent/greenkeeper put the association in the position to continue to expand educational programs in the United States and to further extend similar opportunities to superintendents/greenkeepers throughout the world.

ASAE’s international management award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in managing association international activity. While the category recognizes primarily international-focus programs in U.S. associations, it also includes outstanding management of international associations.

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New Standard Issued For Confined Space

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued a new standard for confined space and permit-required confined space.

Confined spaces are areas with limited or restricted means of entry or exit, large enough to allow an employee to enter and perform work, and not designed for continuous occupancy.

Permit-required confined spaces contain or have the potential to contain a hazardous atmosphere; contain a material that has the potential for engulfing an entrant; have an internal configuration that might cause an entrant to be trapped or asphyxiated by inward walls or sloping, tapering floor; and contain any other recognized serious safety or health hazards.

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