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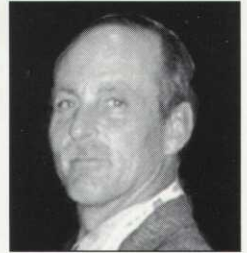
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Realizing the "Value" of Belonging To a Professional Organization

By Robert Panuska



The wind blew and the course was tough for our annual MGCSA championship held at Edina Country Club on the 13th of September, but in the end Jeff Pint from New Prague Golf Club emerged as the winner. Mike Kelly and his staff had the course in top tournament condition. Thanks to everyone who played.

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**At our last Board meeting we talked about, among other things, the value of the MGCSA** to our profession and the individual member. This discussion emerged out of the issue that there are close to 200 golf courses in Minnesota that are not represented in the MGCSA. I'm sure that some just do not know that the association even exists, although that is hard to believe because we do make semi-annual mailings to these clubs. Some may feel the cost is too much with the "dual membership" requirement in GCSAA. There are some that feel "the association doesn't do anything for me."

I know I am writing to the choir so to say, because if you are reading this you are more than likely a member and I want to personally thank you for the support and trust you have placed in the MGCSA. However, if you are not a member or know someone who is not, I would ask that you look very closely at the "value" of belonging to a professional association.

**Article I of our constitution and bylaws states:** The objective of the association shall be to advance the art and science of golf course management, to collect and disseminate among member superintendents practical solutions to problems with a view to more efficient and economical maintenance and production of golf courses, and to promote the welfare of the superintendent and the profession.

That is quite a mouthful, but it does cover all the bases. *Hole Notes*, job postings, website, membership roster, environmental CD/guide, cooperative legislative activities with the Minnesota Golf Association, GCSAA seminar sponsorship, March Mini-Seminar, regular monthly meetings, University of Minnesota TROE Center and research support, Scholarship program, active role in the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation and the planning of the educational program at the Minnesota Green Expo. But the most valuable benefit of belonging to the MGCSA is peer support and networking with others in the business. Ask yourself the question, "would I be where I am now in this profession if the MGCSA did not exist?"

As I have said before, please contact me if you have questions, concerns or comments about the MGCSA. The Board of Directors is here to serve you. Let us know how we can do a better job of meeting you needs.

Until next month,  
Rob

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