PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Due to a lack of interest tomorrow has been canceled."

Let's hope this sign of the times never applies to our professional association. I trust the good attendance at our monthly meetings indicates an interest in our association, as well as a desire for personal knowledge to be acquired from our educational programs.

But where are we going? An example might be in deciding which direction to take in membership growth. Our large membership makes us a factor to be reckoned with in national elections and enables us to conduct big projects like the Baltimore Conference. But big monthly meetings, by necessity, are formal and little time for questions exists. One also does not care to ask what might be an immaterial or foolish question. Small meetings are informal and valuable in the free exchange of opinions and facts: Question: Do you prefer large or small meetings?

This year Virginia's Turf Conference moves as close as Fredericksburg, with no liaison to the Mid-Atlantic Conference. Those attending both conferences chance studying duplicate subjects. Please consider suggestions by our planning director for future conferences. He suggests the name be changed to Mid-Atlantic Turf Conference under the joint auspices of the University of Maryland & the Virginia Polytech Institute, rotate the location of the conference between Baltimore, Washington and Richmond, make this a joint venture of all turf associations in Maryland and Virginia and expand the conference to include an equipment show. This is a large project and would require our full endorsement and active support. Question: Would you favor a large sectional meeting as proposed?

I will ask these questions at our next business meeting.

Robert C. Milligan

NEXT MEETING

The August meeting of the Mid-Atlantic GCSA will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 6 in Beltsville, Md. Our host will be Dr. Felix Juska from the USDA and this will be the annual Field Day at the USDA Turf Industry Station and plots. Registration is free and will be handled at the turf plots in back of the station.

DIRECTIONS TO THE STATION

Take the beltway (Route 495) to Route 1 north towards Beltsville. Just before the second light, merge to the right onto the new library road, then back left thru the light since left turns off Route 1 are prohibited at the intersection.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

In accordance with our by-laws, the following have applied for membership and if no discussion or opposition is given within 30 days after publication, these applications shall be accepted.

Tony Arch - Tony is affiliated with the Homestead Golf and Country Club in Springlake, N.J. He was sponsored by Russ Kerns and Bert Yingling and is applying as a class A member.

Louis Rudinski - Louis is Angelo's replacement at Bonni View and he is applying as a class A. His sponsors were Bill Emerson and Dick Silvar.

David Burdette - David is with Congressional Country Club and is being sponsored by George Thompson and Bob Shields as a class B member.

James Cantrell - Jim is also applying for a class B membership. He is with the Bainbridge Naval Training Station and his sponsors are George Gumm and Russell Kerns.

Roy E. Hounshell - Roy is Curtis Payne's assistant at Allview G.C. under the Columbia Parks Recreation Assn. and he is applying as a class D member.

MEETING PLACES

August 6 - USDA Field Day, Beltsville, Md. Host, Dr. Felix Juska
October 7 - Woodmont C.C. in Rockville, Md.