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Frank W. Currier, St. Thomas Golf & Country Club, Union, Ont.

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L. J. Merritt, Highland Meadows, Sylvania, Ohio.

George R. Berry, Mokethrow Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Michael McNerney, Forest Preserve District Golf Courses, Chi-

cago, Ill.


Raymond P. Langley, Jackson Country Club, Jackson, Mich.

Joseph Lobb, Sr., Farnsley, Mich.

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I HAVE read the last four issues of the GREENKEEPER with great interest, and believe that a membership in the Association is as essential to the 1927 greenkeeper as the mower, barrow, shovel or rake suggestively pictured on the cover page of the magazine.

After five years of greenkeeping, all of which provided many hopes, despairs, successes, failures, dreams, realities, droughts and floods, I sometimes wonder at the confidence I had five years ago. When I took charge of Woodhill greens, I thought that greenkeeping was a matter of sending a number of men to specific jobs every morning, and making daily tours of inspection of the course to see that the work was being carried on properly. The confidence I possessed at that time in my ability to direct the work was, from my present point of view, humorously pathetic.

Now I look up to the progressive type of greenkeeper who has had ten, twenty or twenty-five years of experience. I find that those men are constantly seeking information, constantly puzzling their brains over old and new problems, and ever ready to give the vintage of their years of experience to those that are willing to read or listen.

Not that I believe that the older a man, the better greenkeeper he is. The profession is advancing rapidly along the road marked well by science; and the old man who disregards the markings cannot progress. But the old-time greenkeeper with years of experience in hopes, failures and successes to help him along the science-marked trail, is the man I believe in. It is that man that I look to for instruction. It is his failures and successes that I wish to use in working out my problems.

The pages of the GREENKEEPER are open to that type of man as well as the younger, more ambitious type, who will find that writing an article for a paper is much easier than it seems to be. I am as anxious to learn of a failure of a much-used method as I am to see new methods advocated. How many readers of the GREENKEEPER would be interested in reading of a failure that was costly to the Club? Perhaps some of us are working on a method now which was found to be a failure by some fellowman working under like conditions. It is said that newspaper men are the only ones who publish their mistakes, and that is a possible reason why the newspapers are the poor men's college.

Sometime in the future when I feel in a mood of confession, I am going to send a beautiful list of failures for publication in the GREENKEEPER. But I am going to be sure that along with the failure list a success list will be attached. For I sincerely feel that during the past five years the golfing condition at Woodhill has been bettered, and the fact that the Chairman of the Green, who at Woodhill has been the same man the past ten years, thank goodness, expects me to continue, seems to strengthen my conviction.

Here is top-luck to the N. A. G. A.
The Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association entertaining members of the N. A. G. A. at dinner at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, the evening of March 24, 1927. John MacGregor, president of the Mid-West, is seen at head of table at left, and at his right is John Morley, president of the N. A. G. A.
SINCERITY of purpose and deep devotion to the
cause to which they are committed featured the
first annual meeting and convention of the Na-
tional Association of Greenkeepers of America held at

Over 300 greenkeepers and their assistants were pres-
ent at various times during the two days' session repre-
senting almost every state in the Union and many
provinces of Canada. Many of the far distant clubs
like Pebble Beach and Los Angeles, California sent their
greenkeepers and paid all their expenses because they
realize how important the association as an educational
factor, is to the golf clubs of the country. Clubs in
Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit,
Minneapolis and St. Louis did likewise. As a conse-
quence the deliberations of the convention were repre-
sentative of the combined thought and experiences of
the greater part of the North American continent.

"I hope and trust that God will guide you in your
deliberations," said President John Morley in his open-
ing address, "and that we will be able to adopt progres-
sive legislation that may be a credit to the welfare of
greenkeeping and the golfing fraternity in general. Be-
ing human we will undoubtedly make mistakes. But
being progressive we will endeavor to correct them."

This keynote speech of President Morley's permeated
the entire proceedings with the result that personal plans
and ambitions if any, were entirely submerged in a
unanimous and conscientious effort to do the greatest
good for greenkeeping as a profession, and to make golf
better and cheaper for the clubs served by these hard
working men.

Three scheduled meetings were held. First the ex-
cecutive committee went into session on Friday after-
noon and reviewed carefully all the work of the Asso-
ciation through the six months of its preliminary exis-
tence. Then on Friday evening an informal meeting of
all greenkeepers, assistants, green committee chairmen
and others interested was held. The purpose was to
discuss the work and exchange ideas for the common
good.

Saturday morning the real business of the week began
in earnest. The Hotel Sherman management kindly re-
served the Bal Tabarin room on the 8th floor, as this
room is well isolated and free from casual interruption
of curiosity seekers. With John MacGregor, sturdy
leader of the Chicago greenkeepers in the chair, the
meeting proceeded systematically and smoothly through-
out the day, and frank discussion of every subject was
had.

When time for adjournment came at 5 o'clock John
Gray, veteran Canadian greenkeeper of Sandwich, On-
tario, rose to his feet and expressed to all present his
complete satisfaction over the business-like way with
which the Association affairs were being handled. "I
should think," he said, "that the greenkeepers had been
organized six years instead of six months. I congratu-
late all of you upon the splendid start you have made
and the high character and purpose of the men intrusted
with the management of your affairs."

Briefly reviewing the results of the meeting the by-
laws were amended in certain sections relating to or-
ganization and eligibility for membership. The execu-
tive committee was reduced to the five chief officers and
an additional number of vice presidents were elected.
Pro-greenkeepers with five years' experience were de-
clared eligible for membership on the same basis as regu-
lar greenkeepers of three years' experience.
of the editorial contents of the *National Greenkeeper*, official organ, was placed in the hands of the president instead of an editorial council as previously provided.

Considerable interest was displayed in bringing the local associations of greenkeepers closer to the parent body and a motion prevailed recommending to such local associations that they include the $10.00 annual dues of the National Association in their local dues to greenkeepers thereby making every local association member automatically a member of the National.

The opinion was unanimous that the date of the annual meeting should be advanced to the first week in March, as a number of greenkeepers reported that early spring work interfered with their attendance. It is probable too that the 1928 meeting will be scheduled for some point further east than Chicago following the generally discussed plan of holding the annual meeting and convention in different parts of the country from year to year.

On the following pages is printed the official minutes of the meetings in Chicago together with a revised draft of the by-laws as adopted permanently. Read them carefully as this is the only issue of the *National Greenkeeper* in which they will appear.

**Minutes of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

On Friday afternoon, March 25, 1927, a meeting of the Executive committee of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was held in a private room at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, convening at 2:30 P. M.

John Morley, president, called the meeting to order. Members of the Executive committee present were as follows:


This meeting was called by President John Morley for the purpose of reviewing the work of the Association from every angle and to recommend such changes and amendments as experiences proved to be necessary for the good of the cause. Mr. Morley also asked assistance in appointing suitable committees to work out important problems for presentation to the membership at the annual meeting on Saturday, March 26, 1927.

It was decided to appoint the following special committees:

- Mr. Morley explained at length to the assembled group the necessity of appointing carefully selected association members to act as chairmen of these committees.
- After a great deal of deliberation, which occupied nearly three hours, the following appointments as chairmen were made:
  - Fred Burkhardt, chairman, Committee on By-Laws and Constitution.
  - Alex McPherson, chairman, Committee on Membership.
  - James Muirden, chairman, Committee Appeals and Grievances.

**Minutes of the FIRST ANNUAL MEETING**

The first annual meeting of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was held in the Hal Tabarin Room of the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, on Saturday, March 26.

John Morley, president of the Association, opened the first session at 10 A. M., and after greeting the members, read his annual address, a copy of which is attached. This address was received with enthusiasm, and ordered placed in the records of the meeting.

Mr. Morley then appointed John McNamara, first
vice-president, as acting chairman. Mr. McNamara turned the chair over to John MacGregor, Executive committee member and president of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association as a compliment to Mr. MacGregor in his local position and because of his untiring efforts in the Chicago district on behalf of the National Association.

Mr. MacGregor immediately called for a motion to make the National Association a permanent organization. Joe P. Mayo of Pebble Beach, California, made the motion, which was seconded by Edward W. Dearie, of Chicago, and passed by acclamation.

Mr. MacGregor then read the minutes of the organization meeting which was held in Toledo Ohio on September 13, 1926, after which he read the minutes of the first Executive committee meeting which was held in Cleveland, on February 5. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of these two meetings be approved as read.

Mr. MacGregor introduced Spearman Lewis, manager of the International Golf Show, who in a short talk welcomed the greenkeepers of America to the show, and announced that the next International Golf Show would be held the week of March 12-17, 1928. Mr. Lewis invited the Association to hold their next annual meeting in conjunction with the Golf Show.

Mr. MacGregor then read a telegram from Captain David L. Rees, newly elected president of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers Association, as follows:

"Best wishes for an enthusiastic and successful session."

It was then duly moved and seconded that a suitable reply should be telegraphed Mr. Rees, and the assistant secretary was so instructed.

It was moved by E. W. Dearie, Chicago that the meeting be adjourned for luncheon, to again convene at 1:30 P. M., duly seconded and carried.

The second session of the annual meeting was opened by Mr. MacGregor at 1:30 P. M., and reports called for from the chairmen of the following committees which were appointed by the Executive committee at a special meeting held at 2:30 P. M. on Friday, March 25.

**Committee on By-Laws and Constitution**—Fred Burkhardt, Cleveland, O.; Chester Mendenhall, Wichita, Kansas; Jack Welsh, Des Moines, Iowa; E. J. Corlett, Cleveland; W. Elphick, Detroit, Mich.


**Committee on Appeals and Grievances**—James Muirden, Cincinnati, Ohio; Charles L. Ream, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Joe P. Mayo, Pebble Beach, California.

**Committee on Finance**—Christopher Bain, Cleveland, O.; W. J. Rockefeller, Toledo, O.; Gustave Hansen, Greenville, Mich.


**Committee on Permanent Organization**—B. G. Sheldin, Cleveland, O.; Robert Henderson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ford Goodrich, Flint, Michigan; Al Schardt, Hamburg, New York; George Wellin, New Britain, Conn.

Fred Burkhardt, chairman of the By-Laws committee was first called upon, and read the proposed changes and amendments in the originally written by-laws, as submitted by his committee. These amendments are attached, it being ordered that they become a part of these minutes. It was moved by E. E. Snyder of Canton, Ohio, and seconded by John Pressler of Pittsburgh, that these amendments be approved as read, and so carried. (Note: A complete draft of the by-laws as amended appears in this issue)

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**THREE OF THE NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS**

- **JOHN PRESSLER**
  Allegheny Country Club
  Pittsburgh

- **JAS. MUIRDEN**
  Ridgewood Golf Club, Cincinnati

- **ROBERT HENDERSON**
  Country Club of Buffalo
  Buffalo, N. Y.
Photograph of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents, taken at their February 14th meeting. 
Fifth man from left in front row is Louis Evans, of the Cedarbrook Country Club, president of the association. 
Seventh from left in front row is Joseph Valentine, Vice-President of the N. A. G. A.

Alex McPherson, chairman of the Membership committee was next called upon. He submitted to the members the requirements for eligibility to membership in the National Association, as worked out by his committee, namely that greenkeepers and assistant greenkeepers of three years' experience or more are eligible, as are also men holding the combined position of professional and greenkeeper who have had five years' experience or more, all acceptances to membership being subject to investigation by the Membership committee. It was moved by W. J. Rockefeller of Toledo, and seconded by A. E. Lundstrom of Chicago, that these findings of the Membership committee be approved as read, and so carried.

James Muirden, chairman of the Appeals and Grievances committee, submitted a report to the effect that he had heard no complaints whatever, but as soon as any were received from any member or group of members, such complaints would be given the careful attention of his committee. It was moved by E. E. Snyder and seconded by M. M. Parsons of Wooster, O., that this report be accepted, and carried by acclamation.

Christopher Bain, chairman of the Finance committee, was unable to be present. His report was read by W. J. Rockefeller, secretary of the Association, in whose hands Mr. Bain had left his report. The report read by Mr. Rockefeller showed that the Association was in sound financial condition, and this report was attached, it being ordered to include the financial statement in these minutes. It was moved by E. J. Corlett of Cleveland and seconded by C. G. Barton of Toledo that this report be approved as written, and so carried.

Bert Sheldin, chairman of the Permanent Organization committee submitted his report, explaining that the members of his committee had been in session for a long time in selecting from the membership a list of officers to nominate at this annual meeting to serve during 1927. Mr. Sheldin submitted for nomination the following list:

- President, John Morley, Youngstown
- 1st vice president, John McNamara, Pittsburgh
- 2nd vice president, John MacGregor, Chicago
- 3rd vice president, Fred Burkhardt, Cleveland
- 4th vice president, H. Hawkins, Ontario, Canada
- 5th vice president, Joseph Valentine, Philadelphia
- 6th vice president, Charles Erickson, Minneapolis
- 7th vice president, John Pressler, Pittsburgh
- 8th vice president, James Muirden, Cincinnati
- 9th vice president, Capt. David L. Rees, New York
- 10th vice president, J. O. Campbell, Kansas City
- 11th vice president, Joe P. Mayo, Pebble Beach, California
- 12th vice president, Robert Henderson, Buffalo
- 13th vice president, B. G. Sheldin, Cleveland
- 14th vice president, Ford Goodrich, Flint, Michigan
- 15th vice president, Al. Schardt, Buffalo
- 16th vice president, George Wellin, Hartford, Conn
- secretary, W. J. Rockefeller, Toledo
- treasurer, Alex McPherson, Detroit

It was moved by A. E. Lundstrom of Chicago, and seconded by Jacob Schnapp of Toledo that the above list of officers be elected to serve for the year 1927 and until the annual meeting in the spring of 1928, and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballots for all the members present for the officers named. The motion was carried by acclamation; whereupon the chairman declared them duly elected.

The next committee to be called was the Consulting Editorial, John MacGregor, chairman who asked his first committee member, Anthony G. Wagner, of Rock Island, Illinois, to submit the report. Mr. Wagner reported that the recommendation of the committee was to place all responsibility as to the text of editorial ar-

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