

CALIFORNIA CLIPS AND CUTS

The CGCSA third quarter board meeting was held Saturday, November 13, in San Diego. Some of the issues addressed were:

Voting. There is still some question as to how the local chapters are to cast votes on GCSAA issues. Voting is confusing because of the variance between the local membership rosters and GCSAA's voting member list. There are several names on GCSAA's voting roster who no longer live in the state of California,

but who are casting their votes with us. Conversely, some on the list are members of California associations, but are voting with other chapters. Part of the problem seems to be that there is no definition on the GCSAA membership application as to what the distinction is between "individual" voting and "chapter" voting.

After much discussion, the board reached a consensus that the decision made a few years ago to have all the local chapters vote as a block with

the state, depending on the issues would stand. The bottom line, however, is that each local chapter makes the determination of how their block is voted. If a local chapter decides to vote in variance with the state, the votes will be pulled individually and not be signed over at national. If there are any members of national who are confused about their voting status, or would like to change it, please contact Brian Bagley for information on how to proceed.

Tax Exempt Status. Because of some questions posed at this meeting, the state board passed a motion to seek legal counsel concerning our tax-exempt status and how to approach such items as membership lists, advertising sales proceeds, and interest income. It appears that some of the bylaws may need to be rewritten to assure compliance with the laws of non-profit filing.

The California Hospitality Suite at the international

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VOTING DELEGATES

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was a lengthy process which lasted well into the afternoon.

Late in the afternoon, President Nichols returned to the podium to address the question of how local chapters can become more involved in GCSAA. There is a common link in the profession of the golf course superintendent with GCSAA and yet no ties exist between GCSAA and local chapters. It was also pointed out that because of this professional bonding, many non-members ride GCSAA's coattails as they lobby in Washington on behalf of the golf course superintendent. Nichols asked us to strive for a networking of chapters with direct and regular contact and possibly the formation of a Chapter Relations Service. We were then challenged that evening during an "attitude adjustment" period to find solutions to getting commitments from local chapters to GCSAA.

The meeting was called back to order Sunday morning as we rehashed possible ways of achieving the needed commitment from local chapters. The needed goal was not reached, but many thoughts will be developed.

The focus then shifted to future direction of GCSAA and the development of the "Meeting in General" of the voting delegates. This congregation of delegates was deemed to be revolutionary for GCSAA in both communication and input. It was decided this should be a regular annual fall meeting to include candidates for election. The floor was then opened for discussion. Questions asked of the Board included Roberts' resignation, new GCSAA headquarters wing, the old building, bylaws changes, the Pacific Rim, International agenda, and marketing GCSAA.

It was certainly a worthwhile meeting. All things considered, I would strongly advise GCSANC to be represented each and every time this meeting is held.

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conference in Dallas will be held at the Loews Resort, which is the host hotel for the conference.

1994 GCSAA Chapter Team Competition. Several of the board members are going to Austin to play in the tournament. Dave Flaxbeard and Jim Husting will put together the chapter teams. Anyone interested in playing on a chapter team in Austin should contact Jim or Dave.

1995 GCSAA Tournament Report. The headquarters for the 1995 tournament, which will be held in our jurisdiction, is at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. Brian Bagley was recently in touch with John White at National, who indicated that they will be picking 5 of the 7 following golf courses to host the tournament: Poppy Hills, Old Del Monte, Quail Lodge, both Ft. Ord courses, and both Rancho Canada courses. John White stressed that these clubs are being *considered*; they are not

approved and not confirmed.

The State Scholarship Fund has been eliminated. The \$3,300 that was in the fund was distributed evenly among the six local chapters.

1994 Annual Meeting. The topic for the 1994 Annual Meeting is "Reconstruction." John Beltz, committee chairman, is in the process of contacting Brian Silva, who facilitates a reconstruction seminar for national, to be the featured speaker. John has been in touch with the GCSAA speakers bureau to provide a speaker for the meeting. Steve Halsey of Halsey Daray Golf will speak on design problems upon discovering Indian artifacts at the River Course site. The USGA green specifications changes are also being considered as a topic.

Helen Stone has requested that we make strides in acquiring superintendent written articles for California Fairways. Anyone who has a topic of interest should submit

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it to Helen or contact the California Fairways staff about writing it.

Association Management.

DJ King's initial 3-month temporary contract has been completed and the board approved the continuation into the next three months. After that time, the position will be evaluated and a one year contract negotiated.

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