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find a more relaxing place to socialize.

The association would like to express its sincere thanks to all those Northern California vendors who so generously donated money to make this event such a huge success again this year. Gracious thanks also go to Jim Davis for coordinating the event and to Don Naumann for his assistance in acquiring sponsorships.

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*corporation by the laws of the State of Delaware which are consistent with the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of this corporation.*

The bylaws amendments also redefined the golf course superintendent as "one who is entrusted with the management and operation of the tract of land defined as a golf course, including involvement in construction and maintenance of golf courses and

related equipment."

The two bylaws amendments that failed involved the establishment of separate, non-voting membership classifications for golf course maintenance staff, club officials, and golf association staff members.

Ballot 5 would have added six new classes for staff members such as equipment managers and irrigation specialists. Ballot 6 would have enacted a separate Class F for club officials and golf association staff members.

Voters did approve other changes to the bylaws dealing with membership classification:

- Authorizing the board of directors to establish qualifications and levels of privilege for all membership classes except AA, A, B and C (Changes to AA, A, B and C still require a bylaws amendment.)

- Simplifying the definitions of Class B and C. Now, superintendent with fewer than three years of experience are Class B members, and all assistants are Class C mem-

bers. Voting and other golf-card privileges are now extended to Class C.

- Creating a new Class E for educators and extension officers

- Opening retired membership to all classes and authorizing the board to set retired dues at or below one-half the dues of the individuals prior classification,

- Authorizing the board to set Standing Rules regarding the level of privileges for Affiliate membership

- Making honorary membership permanent unless revoked by the board.

Voters delegated some specific authority to the board of directors, but also demanded increased accountability from the board and the chapter voting delegates.

For example, voters granted the board authority to set dues structures for non-superintendent membership classes. However, dues for Classes AA, A, B and C will be set by voting members casting ballots individually, by proxy or through their chapter.

Beginning next year in San Francisco, official voting records for GCSAA elections will be published in a membership publication. Dallas voters approved the publication of a chapter-by-chapter report to help chapter members hold their voting delegates accountable as their representatives.

Voters also restricted board members power by requiring a two-thirds majority of the board to approve the execution of any mortgage or loan that would incur debts for future boards.

The new bylaws also make some changes in the officers and directors. Most significantly, the secretary/treasurer position will become an elected office instead of a presidential appointment. Voters also amended the duties of the secretary/treasurer, making them more like an officer than an operations administrator.

In addition, all officers and directors will be elected by plurality votes, eliminating the potential need for run-off elections.

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