

## Information Services Committee Report

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The Information Services Committee (ISC) met in Lawrence on October 5 & 6. The ISC, now in its second year as a standing committee, is charged with providing guidance and direction to the Information Services Department at GCSAA. I will attempt to provide you with a brief overview of the topics that we discussed.

• **GCSAA Bookstore** -There was discussion of the books and videos available for sale, as well as the possibility of producing some videos in-house. Suggestions for new material are always welcome.

• **Audiovisual Loan Program** -This discussion focused on the underutilization of this program. The program was only used by 198 members and 28 nonmembers all last year. Unless the usage goes up, this library is in a *use it or lose it* mode. This library is a great resource for many purposes, and at only \$5

per tape, it's a great bargain. Please take advantage of this service.

• **Historical Preservation / Archives Program / Environmental Resources Library**

-These programs are all being handled by our librarian and her new assistant. They are sorting and archiving all past historical documents for the future, including the Payne Collection of equipment at Michigan State and Cal Poly Universities. The librarian is expecting a donation of about 250,000 slides very soon. The librarian is also charged with GCSAA records retention. The Environmental Resources Library is working with a \$40,000 grant from Lebanon Turf Products to collect and catalog information on golf course environmental issues. The committee approved an agreement in principle to develop a joint working arrangement with Kansas University Environmental Studies Program.

• **Information Services** -There are over 30 subjects available as information packets. They distributed over 1,500 packets last year.

• **GCSAA World Wide Web** -(<http://www.gcsaa.org/gcsaa>) To date, there have been over 1/4 million "hits" by the general public and our members in the first four months of operation. New information is added daily. A second employee is being added to the Web. SOP's were agreed upon for the Web Site operation. There was discussion of adding a chat line to the Web Site.

This report is a very brief overview of our very fast paced committee meeting. If you would like any additional information on our committee's activities, feel free to contact me. The full listing of all the services offered by the Information Services Department is listed in the Professional Development Catalog or on-line at the above address.

## GCSAA Certification Celebrates Its 25th Year

September marked the Silver Anniversary of the GCSAA Certification Program. The original certification committee members sought to develop a program that would promote professionalism of golf course superintendents and create a designation worldwide. Their success is apparent with over 1,600 members currently certified.

The significance of the Certified Golf Course Superintendent designation is evident from the process and accomplishments required to achieve it. To attain certified status individuals must be currently employed as a golf course superintendent, meet the prescribed education and experience requirements, pass a six hour exam and an on site golf course evaluation.

As of this writing the GCSANC boast s forty-five certified superintendents. In celebration of the 25th anniversary GC-SANC recognizes the following for their achievement:

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*Peter Bowman, CGCS*

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*Gary M. Ingram, CGCS*

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*Richard J. Lavine, CGCS*

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*Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of GCSAA's Certification Program*

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