

Dues Increase Highlights GCSAA Ballot Issues

A dues increase of 20% for all member classifications will highlight a list of election issues at the upcoming GCSAA annual meeting in Las Vegas. The ballot question will be put before the membership following the recommendation from GCSAA chapter delegates during their September meeting. The recommendation to raise the Annual Dues was made to the GCSAA Board of Directors so GCSAA can maintain it's level of service and to progress with new programs and initiatives for the future. The last dues increase occurred in 1990.

Also on the ballot are four bylaw changes. They include: An amendment which would waive the membership dues for Class AA-Life members. A new member classification - Class C-v for Assistant Superintendents with more

than three years experience. This membership classification would give the Class C-v members a right to vote. They would be required to pay the same dues as Class A and B members and be bound by the same dual membership requirement. A third bylaw amendment would result in a technical change in the wording of the dual requirement bylaw, stating that dual membership shall be required upon joining and **maintained** thereafter. The last recommended bylaw change concerns adding a second option to the retired membership classification. Retiring members who have completed a minimum of 20 years in any member classification may retire in that classification and maintain all the privileges the Association affords that classification. Each of the recommended bylaw changes require two thirds vote of all members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

Survey's Suggest Stress Relief

A recent survey which asked the membership for input on the selection of GCSAA regional seminars proved to be a success. Over 45 responses were returned with the January meeting registration form. An overwhelming majority of the respondents preferred a one day seminar, with stress management being the popular topic. **Personal Stress Management** and **Turfgrass Stress Management** were the top vote getters, suggesting the membership is

concerned about stress and is looking for some relief. The results of the survey were reviewed by the Board at the January meeting and a recommendation was made to schedule these seminars on January 7th & 8th, 1998. The consensus amongst the board was that these seminars provided a good mix of both management and agronomic topics. A final schedule will be released pending GCSAA approval. Thank you to those who participated in the survey.

Meeting Sites Wanted

Gary Carls, recently appointed as the Program Chairman, is in the process of developing the 1997 event schedule. If you have an interest in hosting a monthly meeting, give Gary a call at (408) 453-5530. Meeting sites are available beginning in March 1997.

Did You Know?

In a recent survey conducted by Golf Digest, 500 subscribers were asked the question; **Who is the most important person at your club or course?** 48% responded the Golf Course Superintendent, while 25% chose the Club Pro.

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