

Boardroom Briefs

- With an increase in inquiries for student membership, the Board has recommended that future applicants submit verification of student status. A student membership is available to individuals who are currently enrolled as full time students and continues for one year after graduation.
- Education chairman, **Bob Costa**, reported that the 1997 Institute will be held at the Santa Rosa Hilton (formerly the Doubletree) on Monday and Tuesday, November 10th and 11th. Windsor Golf Club will host the golf tournament.
- Scholarship Chairman, **Gary Carls**, informed the Board that the scholarship checks have been mailed. Each of the winners have been invited to attend the Annual Meeting on April 14, 1997.
- Research Chairman, **Dave Davies**, reported the sites for the USGA, NTEP GCSAA joint research project will be announced in early March.
- State representative, **Blake Swint**, who attended the recent state meeting in Las Vegas, reported that the State Association intends to adopt the GCSAA affiliate logo.
- Tournament Cochairmen, **Blake Swint** and **Forrest Arthur**, announced Poppy Hills as a tentative site for 1997 Christmas tournament.
- The long awaited GCSANC promotional brochure is finally off to the printers. **Bob Costa** presented a final proof which was approved by the Board. The brochures will be available at the Annual Meeting in April.
- **Forrest Arthur** who is coordinating the sale of logoed merchandise presented the board with samples of shirts and hats. The Board approved the purchase of a limited quantity. These items, as well as sweatshirts and windbreakers will be available for purchase at the Annual meeting.
- **Wayne Lindeloff** presented a final draft of a proposal to modify the fee structure for retired members attending "regular monthly meetings." The proposal was approved and will take effective at the April meeting. The Superintendent/Pro, Scholarship/Research/Education, Joint Sierra Nevada meeting and the Superintendents Institute are considered special events and are exempt from the special rates.
- **Blake Swint** recommended we explore temporary name badges to help identify members at monthly meetings. The proposal was strongly supported and costs will be examined.
- **Barbara Mikel** recommended that the cost for advertising space in the newsletter be reviewed. Barbara reported that the rate has not been changed in seven years. A formal recommendation will be made to the Board at the next meeting.

Dues Hike Receives Unanimous Support

Approval of a 20% across the board dues hike highlighted the election at last months GCSAA Conference and Show in Las Vegas. Seventy eight percent of the voters said yes to an increase that is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 1997. Revenues from the dues hike will be used to maintain the current GCSAA services and progress with new programs and services in the future. Membership rates for the following classifications will be as follows: Class A, B - \$250.00, Class C - \$125.00, Associates - \$250.00, Retired - \$70.00, Students and Educators - \$55.00.

Included on the ballot were four bylaw amendments, three of which received the required 2/3 voter approval. Bylaw amendments which successfully passed include: Waiving membership dues for Class AA Life members. Adding a second option to the retired membership classification and the fine tuning of the wording of the dual requirement bylaw.

Failing to receive approval by the membership was the bylaw amendment which would have created a new membership classification, Class C-V. If approved, the voluntary C-V classification would have allowed Assistant Superintendents with more than three years experience the right to vote. In exchange, the dues would have been reflective of those for Class A and B members and the dual membership requirement would have applied. Although supported by 51% of the voters, the amendment failed to attain the required two thirds support required for amendment passage.

The election of officers saw Paul McGinnis, CGCS, assume the position of President. George Renault III, CGCS, was named Vice President, Dave Fearis, CGCS, takes over as Secretary Treasurer. The three Directors positions were filled by Michael Wallace, CGCS, Tommy D. Witt, CGCS, and Samuel R. Snyder VII, CGCS, Scott Woodhead, CGCS, and Ken Mangum, CGCS, return to the board as incumbents.

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