Dues Increase Proposed by Budget Committee

The budget committee met on December 2nd and December 11th to review the current financial status of the GCSANC. The committee members, Bob Costa, CGCS, Gary Carls, CGCS, Dave Davies, CGCS, and Barbara Mikel looked carefully at all aspects of the current financial structure, the current management contract with EASI Management and plotted strategies for the future.

The two meetings produced 5 goals and identified a number of areas of concern for the future. The goals for the current budget are as follows:

Increase both allocated and unallocated reserves.
Allocated reserves are funds specifically designated for use in the operation of the Association. Unallocated reserves are used to fund new programs as approved by the board of directors.

Eliminate subsidies for special events (i.e. Christmas Party, Superintendent/Pro).
These events have historically been run at a deficit.

Increase efficient use of the current budget.
Evaluations of all programs and operations have shown areas for improved efficiencies. Utilizing new technologies and less duplication of efforts.

Make Committees more accountable for their budgets.
All committees have budgeted funds. In the past, events and programs have run over budget with little or no explanation and no plan for future budget consideration.

Continue to provide strong member programs.
The board will continue to survey the membership for direction in programing and allocate funding based on membership priorities.

The committee has projected a balanced budget for the 1998 fiscal year. There is, however, a serious concern for the fiscal health of the Association in the near future. Four major issues arose during the review.

EASI Management has assumed numerous duties that were not a part of the original agreement with the Association. This time requirement is paid for by the Chapter in the form of contract funding. Specifically, special events, additional mailings and work associated with the GCSAA affiliation agreement add to the work load already agreed upon. Each responsible for an additional charge in our operational budget.

The State Association (CGCSA) relies on a payment of dues from our chapter GCSANC pays $5 for each dues paying member to the CGCSA to help pay for business related expenses, a state lobbyist and membership in the GCSAA Platinum Tee Club.