



GCSANC Bylaw Changes

Proposed

The GCSANC Bylaw Committee has proposed and the Board of Directors supports the following proposed bylaw changes to be voted on at the GCSANC Annual Meeting on January 16, 2002:

Section 9 Proxies

Purpose

This change is to clarify language in the bylaws to be clear that faxed copies of proxies are acceptable and proxies are allowed for special meetings.

Current

Each voting member of this Association in good standing may vote in person or by proxy with an (original) proxy form or if the member cannot attend the annual election. A proxy may only be exercised by another voting member of this Association in good standing.

Proposed

Each voting member of this Association in good standing may vote in person or by proxy

with an (original) proxy form or faxed copy if the member cannot attend the annual election or a special meeting. A proxy may only be exercised by another voting member of this Association in good standing.

Section 3 Membership Classes

Purpose

The purpose of these changes is to help clarify the distinction between the Associate and Affiliate classifications. Under current bylaws those persons involved in other areas of turfgrass maintenance were put in the Affiliate class. If approved, these changes will create an Affiliate classification that is only commercial members. Any other person involved in any area of turfgrass maintenance or construction would be an Associate member.

Current

Associate Members - To qualify for Associate Membership an applicant shall at the

time of application for membership be employed at a golf facility. Associate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of the Association except those of voting and holding office.

Proposed

Associate Members - To qualify for Associate Membership an applicant shall at the time of application shall be employed at a golf facility or be involved in the growing or production of fine turfgrass including parks, athletic fields or related turfgrass research. Associate Members shall have all rights and privileges of the Association except those of voting and holding office.

Current

Affiliate Members - To qualify for Affiliate Membership an applicant must be a person involved in the growing, management, or production of turfgrass, either individually or through affiliation with: a company, governmental agency,

proprietorship, or association who does not qualify for membership in any other Class. Affiliate Members shall have all rights and privileges of the Association. Voting rights shall be limited to the election of Affiliate Representatives each year. Election to the Board of Directors shall be limited to the position of Affiliate Representative.

Proposed

Affiliate Members - To qualify for Affiliate Membership an applicant must be a person involved in the growing, management, or production of turfgrass through affiliation with a company or proprietorship whose main business is support of the golf course industry. Affiliate members shall have all rights and privileges of the Association. Voting rights shall be limited to the election of Affiliate Representatives each year. Election to the Board of Directors shall be limited to the position of Affiliate Representative.

Class C Bylaw Defeated

The membership has spoken. A bylaw amendment that would have allowed Class C members the right to serve as a Director on the GCSAA Board was narrowly defeated at the special meeting held during the Institute. According to Gary Carls, CGCS bylaw chairman the bylaw amendment failed to receive a 2/3 margin to pass.

Opposition at the special meeting centered on a concern that passage might lead to future voting rights for Class C and Affiliate members. Also noted was the absence in the amendment of a limit on Class C members that would be allowed to serve as directors. In his response to members Bob Costa assured the group that there was no hidden agenda regarding expanding voting rights, stating that the proposed amendment was created as a means to tap into a pool of members who would bring energy and new ideas into the association as well as provide more candidates for Board positions. He also noted that although the bylaws did not limit the number of Class members who could serve, the voting members and election committee could ultimately limit the number.

Here is the address should anyone wish to make a donation in memory of Pete.

Heart Research
c/o Michael Fowler
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