



Presidents Message

By Jeff Shafer

ASSOCIATION BUDGET

Your current Board of Directors has worked extremely hard the last several years to provide quality meetings and functions that meet the needs of all the members, but to also control costs. The last two years have produced meetings that break even financially, such as the Superintendent – Pro and Annual meeting, or have reached the targeted revenue goals, such as the Institute and Scholarship meetings. Though these efforts have been successful, the bottom line is that the expenditures required to continue the association requirements have exceeded our revenue sources. All of you are well aware of how the economic times continue to change within your own respective businesses, and this association is no different.

Therefore, the Board has submitted an official filing request, per the bylaw requirements, for a proposed dues increase for 2003. In order that every member has the opportunity to completely understand our financial situation, Pat Finlen, CGCS, your current Secretary-Treasurer, will be providing specific economic details in the December newsletter.



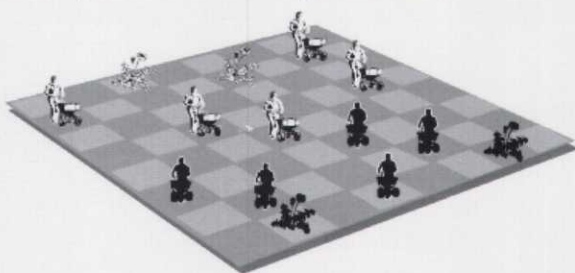
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Before commenting on this increase, please take the time to get all the facts. While the next newsletter will provide many details, our Board meetings are a great way to experience what is happening within the association. These meetings are always open to the membership. Additionally, you can always reach any Board Member through e-mail or telephone. I commend every Board member for their hard work in this area. I hope you will take the time to get a complete understanding of the issue. Your educated support for the increase will not only be appreciated by the current membership, but for those that follow.

In addition, I would like to thank every affiliate who is a member of our association. Every one of your membership dollars is appreciated. To those active in our sponsorship programs, meeting attendance and other areas, THANK YOU! We cannot run our business effectively without your generous support.



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