

# Board Room Briefs

By Vince Keats

## State Meeting

GCSANC will be hosting the CGSCA annual meeting this year. P.J. Spellman reported that the site selected for the Annual CGSCA meeting will be the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Headquarters hotel will be the Double Tree. The Monterey Beach Resort will also be available for accommodations.

Jim Irvine has contacted potential speakers for the educational sessions. The candidates are: Dave Wienecke, USGA, Mike McCulloch, NCGA, Frank Wong, UC Davis, Larry Stowell, PACE and Mark Mahady. A sub committee was formed to include Jim, Pat, P. J. and Greg. The committee will make a progress report at the next meeting.

## Spring Workshop

Jim Irvine formed the Workshop Educational Committee to include Ali Haravandi, Gary Ingram and Dave Kaplow from Pacific Coast Nursery. Bob Lopic requested Jim to add Terry Grasso and Emmy Moore Minister. Location for the workshop will be Metropolitan Golf Links on Monday April 28th.

## National

Pat Finlen will be the GCSANC representative at the National Conference. Pat wanted BOD input on voting at the Conference. The BOD made the following recommendations for Pat:

**Candidates for Director:**

Gary Carls, Ricky Heine

**Candidate for Secretary Treasurer:**

Tim O'Neal

**Dues increase:**

Vote yes

**By Laws Change:**

Vote in favor of Articles of Incorporation

## STRICTLY BUSINESS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Bob Lopic, CGCS**  
Orinda Country Club

I am deeply honored to serve this association. I thank you for this opportunity and am confident that I will not mess it up beyond repair. I've inherited a great group of Board members and I know they will keep me under control.

You are all aware of both the financial and service issues that our association has had to deal with in the past year. This year presents many of the same issues, but I want to thank you for providing one of the answers. Your overwhelming support of the modest dues increase, as shown by your vote at the Annual Meeting, is greatly appreciated.

While the economy is hard to forecast (and gloomy at best), the strength of this association is easy to realize. Our true power is in each and every one of our members. It is our passion and desire that helps all of us succeed as a group of dedicated and committed professionals.

Please reach out to a member who is not sharing in our association. Call someone, take him or her to a meeting and make sure that they feel the power of our group by introducing them to others. Given the choices of increasing fees, reducing services, or increasing our participatory base; increased participation is the best option. Be a part of the "outreach" program. You have the power.

At the time of this writing, our country is facing problems that in many ways make our challenges, as members of this association seem trite. Men and women from our communities are preparing to place themselves in harm's way so that we can go on with our daily life, as we know it. Doesn't that make growing grass seem as little less significant? Without taking a political stance, I feel safe in asking all of you to pray for their safe return. Travel in peace.

Bob

## Passing Of The Gavel!



Last year's President, Jeff Shaffer accepts his award for a job well done by this year's President Bob Lopic.