

It's hard to believe another year is almost gone. Registration for the 2007 Golf Industry Show has begun, and our Chapter is looking forward and planning for next year. We are looking for people with an interest in serving on the Board of Directors and to serve on committees in 2007. If you have an interest in serving please contact a board member to get your name included on the ballot. This is also the time of year when GCSAA asks for volunteers to serve on committees. I have served on committees on the national level for several years and I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to give back to our association. Trust me; the experience is truly rewarding.

In October, GCSAA Chapter Delegates from all over the country meet in Kansas City, for the 2006 Chapter Delegates Meeting. This is our opportunity to discuss issues that affect all members with the GCSAA Board of Directors. This year, dues increases and Board of Director's perks were high on the agenda. Thanks to all of you that gave us feedback to take to the board. Look for the results of this meeting to be posted on the GCSAA website.

As 2006 comes to a close, I would like to thank all our members and especially the members of our board. I have enjoyed my time as President and feel fortunate to have such a strong group of people working to improve and lead our chapter into the future. I have learned a great deal from this experience. Spending time with such an intelligent, professional and forward thinking group is something I will carry with me throughout my career.

I have to make one correction to my last article. When talking about our Benevolent Fund I mistakenly wrote that the "opt in" selection on our dues renewal was for \$5 it is actually \$25. Members can donate any amount they want, however if you chose the automatic "opt in" option it is for \$25. I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual meeting January 15 at Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club.

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OFFICE NOTES

Barb Mikel,
GCSANC Association Manager

This time of the year, hopefully the superintendents who've been "putting out fires" are finally catching up. You know you have survived the summer, when you can actually find your desktop! Unfortunately mine is beginning to get covered. October begins my "putting out fires" season.

GCSANC like all organizations has become more automated and Internet dependent. Online meeting registrations, online applications for membership, position availability postings, and credit card payments are some of the things we handle online. Unfortunately, things like the Internet, email, cell phones, remote access, etc. seem to make business and personal life merge together in a big blur. It's both good and bad for all of us. One note, please check your Junk filters and personal email software to make sure you don't block the Association email addresses and links to various survey sites or other web pages. I receive emails requesting payment receipts from our online credit card processing. Since that is automatic from the credit card company you need to make sure, they are not in the junk or blocked list as well.

This year we have undertaken more email communication and membership surveying. We can get to you faster and get answers quicker if we have current information. As we continue the implementation of Internet based communication activities, it is more vital than ever to have your correct email and telephone information. Please make sure we have all your permanent information (address, telephone, emails, cell phone numbers, and fax numbers.) The more correct information we have, the more likely we can reach you in some fashion.

We have implemented a method of automatic updating by using the Plaxo web based software. You may have already received a request for updated information. I have received replies from many. If you see the request from Plaxo, please participate!

Your membership renewal questionnaire will be arriving in November. Please take the time and carefully complete all the information.



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