Maryland Turfmen Strengthen Association

More than 40 Maryland sod growers, marketers, and installers recently authorized acceptance of a proposed constitution and bylaws, and voted to apply for incorporation of their newly organized Maryland Turfgrass Association.

Adopted bylaws call for an executive committee made up of four officers, the immediate past president, and six directors elected from the membership. Until the association’s first annual meeting in December, five members of the bylaws committee are to serve as the executive committee.

Officers chosen from the bylaws committee will be led by acting president Parker Shirling, manager of Princeton Turf Farm, Centreville, Md. Other temporary officers include Winton Osborne, Harford Sod Co., Fallston, vice president; Dr. Elwyn Deal, turfgrass specialist, University of Maryland, secretary; Emory Patton, P. R. Patton and Sons, Silver Spring, treasurer; and committee member Edward F. Mayne, Mayne Realty, Olney.

Active membership in the association is open to individuals or companies actively engaged in sod production, marketing, or installation in Maryland. Up to three memberships are open to individuals or companies, with annual dues of $50 for each membership.

Association goals as listed in the bylaws include encouragement of an interchange of scientific information and practical knowledge relating to sod production, marketing, and installation. Other goals are to encourage cooperation with associations with parallel interests, and to promote justice and education to and for sod association members.

2nd Hawaii Turfgrass Meet Scheduled for Aug. 25-26

Two days of practical sessions and how-to-do-it demonstrations will mark the 2nd Annual Turfgrass Management Conference at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Aug. 25-26.

More than 150 delegates are expected to convene in Kuykendall Hall for this year’s conference, sponsored by the University of Hawaii’s College of Tropical Agriculture and the Turfgrass Association of Oahu. Included will be talks on weed identification and control, herbicide selection and application, spray techniques, and research in turfgrass weed control. Question and answer panels will provide valuable help by focusing on problem areas of turfmen. Of interest to delegates will be the exhibits and tours planned for the conference.

A number of mainlanders are expected to attend the meet. Edwin B. Andresen, conference chairman, can provide further details. Write him at Hawaii Dept. of Transportation, Highways Div., Oahu District, 721 Kelikoi St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Consumer education pertaining to sod quality is emphasized by the Nursery Sod Growers Association of Ontario, headquartered in Stouffville, Ont., Canada. The association’s board of directors assembled here include, seated (left to right), W. L. Campbell, Fairlawn Sod Nursery Ltd. (past president) and F. Watts, Frank Watts Sod and Seed Co., Ltd. (president). Directors standing are (left to right), J. DiCecca, Waterdown Sod Supply, M. Wynnyk, Wynnyk and Nosad, W. J. Berger, Bluegrass Turf Farms Ltd., and W. B. Black, Braeheid Sod Supply Ltd. Started in 1960, the association presently represents growers who sell approximately 80% of all sod produced in Ontario, and approximately 60% of all sod produced in Canada.

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