The members of the National Arborist Association recently elected new officers at the annual meeting in Sarasota, Fla. Seated, from left to right, are: Larry Holkenborg, Sandusky, Ohio, 1st vice-president; Kenneth B. Kirk, St. Louis, Mo., president; Bruce Walgren, Hartford, Conn., 2nd vice-president. Standing, from left to right are: Gerald Farrens, Jacksonville, Fla., immediate past-president; George Tyler, Amherst, N.H., director; Lee Lesh, Saratoga, Calif., director Earl Sinnamon, Denver, Colo., director; Erik Haupt, Sheffield, Mass., treasurer; Walter Money, Rockville, Md., secretary; and Neil Engle-dow, Indianapolis, Ind., director. Tyler, Sinnamon, and Lesh serve as directors with time remaining on their current terms of office.

The first NAA "Awards of Merit" were also presented at the meeting. Recipients included: Dr. Paul Tilford, Wooster, Ohio, NAA executive secretary from 1941-1966; Ross Farrens, Reno, Nev., charter member and past president of NAA; and Edwin E. Irish, Warren, Michigan, past president and chairman of the NAA Education Committee.

David Canavan took over new duties as president of the Golf Course Builders of America at the annual meeting in San Antonio. Canavan has an extensive background in the world of golf. He is currently president of Moore Golf, one of the country's largest golf course construction contractors operating throughout the nation. He has a degree in agronomy from the University of Massachusetts and is a registered landscape architect. Canavan is a past-president of the Greater Washington Golf Superintendents Association and a past director of the Mid-Atlantic Association. He succeeds Eugene Brown.

Other officers who took over new duties at the meeting include Harold E. Bishop, president elect; Carl Hedlund, secretary; and James J. Kirchdorfer, treasurer. Both Hedlund and Kirchdorfer were re-elected.

Steve Gipson has been elected president of the Northern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents. He has been a member of both the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and the northern Ohio chapter since 1968.