

The President's Message

I am deeply honored to be your new president. I have lost count the many times I have served on the board in the past sixteen years, but I do remember being chairman on almost every committee on the board. Because of this first hand experience I realize now as your president how much hard work it all takes to become a good committee chairman. This is why I am happy to be settled with such a superb cast of board members. The new board is almost the same as last year's, and because of this ideal situation I know what they are capable of accomplishing. It will be our mutual endeavor to keep this magnificent old Midwest Association where it belongs . . . at the top. However, in order to better achieve this continuing effort certain steps must be undertaken. From now on all business meetings will be run in formal parliamentary procedure. I have not always been a strict adherent of parliamentary procedure, but I believe now from past experiences that this is the only way to efficiently run an organization as large as ours. It is a proven method. However, and again I view this from past observations, it still might be possible for someone to attempt disrupting a particular meeting under certain circumstances. If this embarrassing situation ever occurs I can promise that the aftermath reaction of the whole board will be swift and decisive in forthcoming. This is the last time around for me and I would rather be a good president at one meeting than a poor one for twelve. Our paramount consideration must always be for the feelings of the majority rather than for the futile appeasement of just a few.

Our 1972 Midwest Board will strive to have monthly get-togethers that are constructive, with short to the point business meetings, and pleasant and interesting education programs. Most of all I hope with all my heart the return of old fashioned comradery at our meetings. Maybe I am sentimental but I remember the good times with past old friends who aren't here anymore, and others who don't come around as frequently as they used to, before ecology and pollution, and noise, drugs and the pill, before women's lib, poa annua, Russians migrating from Canada, and God knows what. We had problems in those days but somehow we managed to enjoy ourselves more than we do now.

I hope to see a majority attendance every month. I am looking forward to that first Sunday in February at the hospitality room in Cincinnati. I think our entertainment chairman Bob Breen has me set for bartender that night. As someone once said at the bottom of a hill, "you have to start somewhere."

Sincerely,
Paul N. Voykin

POSSIBLE HELP?

Mr. Joseph M. Canale, President
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Dear Mr. Canale:

Mr. Paul M. Alexander, Director of Education for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, has suggested that I write you concerning possibilities of employment and for our new internship program.

Each year Western Illinois University grants baccalaureate degrees to over one hundred students in Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Engineering-Mechanization, Agricultural Occupations Education, Agronomy, Animal Science, General Agriculture, or Horticulture.

During this coming year, we are implementing a new program which relates each of the fields to the needs of the business community. Students will attain proficiency in accounting, marketing management, production management, business quantitative studies, or finance, in addition to their agricultural specialty. They will be required to satisfactorily complete an internship with a commercial concern. If you have trainee positions available at some location in Illinois, you may elect to participate in this program.

To assist in obtaining the right man for the right job, we ask that you make available any information concerning your company and its employment opportunities during the 1972 year. Further, you are welcome to send a representative to interview prospective employees on our campus. Such arrangements should be made through this office.

It is hoped that you will utilize these services for the benefit of your company. In any case, we would appreciate your reaction to these programs.

Sincerely,
Victor L. Sheldon
Chairman

New Regulations In New York

Cecil F. Kerr,
Chipco Turf Products Manager
RHODIA INC. — CHIPMAN DIVISION

In July of 1970, New York State issued a list of seventy-two restricted pesticides. The original intent of the new regulation was that these restricted chemicals would be applied only by a custom applicator. In the original document chlordane could be used only for termite control. Arsenicals were restricted to 4 pounds of active ingredient per acre. Mercury compounds and DDT were banned completely.

Several superintendents and golf course superintendent associations wrote letters to Henry L. Diamond, New York Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, defending tri-calcium arsenate, chlordane and mercurial compounds. They also described the pro-

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