

THE MIDWEST CANDIDATE SPEAKS OUT!

To be part of a group of aggressive and progressive-thinking superintendents that show interest and put forth many good ideas that challenge our National organization is indeed a pleasure. We (I say we because I have had your support almost 100 per cent for three years) have been "shot down" more than any other group because of our desire to express ourselves, not to merely drift with the tide.

The thought of not winning is certainly overshadowed by the meaning of running and expressing the views that are of importance. Some of these views were:

1.) Our certification program is adequate but would carry much more meaning if the pesticide seminar was handled in conjunction with it, which, in turn, might be valid for state pesticide licensing.

2.) The conference split-sessions divide everyone up so that only a limited number of people attend each session. With so many speakers, one becomes frustrated trying to decide which one to attend. The cost of bringing so many **out-of-town speakers** to the conference is quite enormous, as you can well imagine. Are we missing the point of having some of our best people give talks and also of leaving a little time for the equipment show and for turf talk with fellow superintendents?

3.) My concerns for our **Golf Course Superintendent** magazine were: the need for upgrading the binding used, the need for the use of more superintendent authors or related articles selling ourselves (public relations), and the possibility of discontinuing the use of conference talks in the magazine.

4.) The elimination of the Conference Proceedings, due in part to the multi-sessions, was unfortunate. To me, these are, or were, a very valuable part of our education and Association history.

These, and many more ideas, were expressed, only to be branded at the time as "bombs" or aggravating accusations toward the Association.

-GCSAA Management Seminar in Chicago was put on with short notice and ends up short of people—just 4 attended, that's right, 4! Thanks to the new dues increase, we can easily afford blunders like this.

Questioning the dues increase was called ridiculous by some mesmerized people that never challenge our leaders. However, word has it that a quick tabulation was taken after the past National Conference, only to find that, in reality, we were in **sound** financial condition! These same people might deny the possibility that one of our top Association personnel will be leaving headquarters in the near future. Could there be more?

Gentlemen, when more people share our feelings, I'm sure some worthwhile goals will be in the offering and will, in return, be the best for all of us. To my many friends of the Midwest and other supporters—thanks.

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