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At one of the recent committee meetings I attended, it was brought up just what is the purpose of our association. Why do we have it? What does it do for us? What do we gain from it? I think everyone has to take a moment and reflect just what our Midwest Association means to him and what he wants to gain from it. In our By-Laws, for those of you who have misplaced your membership directory, Article I, covers the purpose:

"To advance the rights and sciences attendant upon pertinent or related to the occupation of greenkeeping, to unite the greenkeepers, and golf course superintendents of the Chicago metropolitan area into a cooperative group for the collection, preservation and dissemination of scientific and practical knowledge and information, thus affecting more efficient and economical maintenance of golf courses and thereby improving and enhancing the individual and collective prestige and efficiency of the members; the creation of an instrumentality of entity of record capable and susceptible of procuring all benefits to the members both individually and collectively."

Having read this purpose I have a feeling that we are not quite living up to it. Too many of our meetings are social & golf and not enough educational. Granted that you are educated to a degree when you play another golf course. That is, if you pay attention to your surroundings and notice the difference of your maintenance practices compared to the course you are playing.

Then by seeing these differences and maybe discussing them with your foursome you gain another point of view.

But I feel that there should still be more at our meetings to educate and inform us of the changes that are taking place constantly. We need more "dissemination of scientific and practical knowledge and information."

I feel that our association should take a hard look at how we have been running our meetings and try to come up with some **improved** changes. For one must remember that changes are not always improvements.

Your Board of Directors and myself would welcome any and all comments of this subject of improving our monthly meeting.