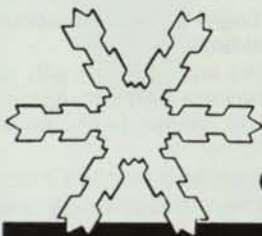


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**ANNUAL MEETING? WHY BOTHER?**

The general attitude of the MAGCS membership is expressed in these words rather well. That's right, this is another one of those articles complaining about the poor attendance at the MAGCS annual meeting. I can't seem to come to grips with the exact reason why only 20-25% of the voting members show up at each annual meeting. I've heard all the usual excuses like, "It's all pre-determined anyway", "What difference would my one vote make?", or "It's the same old clique of people who run the show anyway". Well, all those excuses are just so many road apples dropping from behind the horse.

If those who don't attend the annual meeting only knew the amount of time and effort that is required of the Board of Directors to do a reputable job. It is the responsibility of every voting member to ensure that the best candidates are elected. When the Board of Directors is composed of people who take a true interest in the MAGCS and it's future, the job of Directors becomes a little easier. It is not cut and dried just because certain people have been nominated by the nominating committee. Nominations are accepted from the floor. If you feel someone would make a good member of the Board of Directors, consult with that person to get his approval, canvas some support for that individual, and nominate him.

This year there are some important changes in the By-laws being proposed. All voting members of the MAGCS should contemplate proposed changes in the By-laws, form an opinion in favor or against, and vote accordingly. Why? Because whether it is the proposed changes this year, or proposed changes next year, or changes made in the past, you and your colleagues could be affected by those changes in the By-laws. It could affect you and your profession adversely or it may indeed be of benefit to you. Therefore, when changes in the MAGCS By-laws are proposed, you should think about the affect the changes will have on the entire membership, on our profession and on you personally. There is some pride and sense of accomplishment when one becomes a Class A or Class B member of our association. The fact that one has shown the ability and willingness to work toward the goal of becoming a Golf Course Superintendent is rewarded with a membership classification which entitles you to vote and thereby give direction to your own profession. It is indeed the **right** of every Class A and Class B member to vote, but it is also your **responsibility** to vote.

Don't be apathetic, attend the Annual Meeting November 2, 1981. Vote for the direction you feel your professional organization should take. Somewhere down the line, it may keep you from stepping on one of those road apples.

**Roger A. Stewart, Jr. CGCS  
 Chairman, By-laws Committee**

**Don Pakkala, Supt. says -** A lot going on at Medinah this fall. Tri-Way Trenching is installing a complete double-row automatic irrigation system on all 54 holes. It's about time as the original system is dated 1935. The work is expected to be completed in the summer of '82. Work is now in progress on the #3 course with efforts directed toward mainline and green installation because of greens renovation now underway. Yes, it seems like there is always another project!

Medinah has succumbed to the C-15 decline and on August 24th closed all greens on the #3 course. Rain has delayed stripping of sod but with good weather, seeding is expected to be accomplished the week following Labor Day.