

## What Is Happening?

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Is the GCSAA trying to become — the USGA, PGA, CMAA, NGF, Sod Growers, and on and on. It appears that way to me.

All of a sudden, our Headquarters building, just a year old, is being expanded by \$1.5 million to accommodate this sudden growth that the general membership is not even aware of, yet expected to financially support. The previous building is still empty. It is becoming evident our GCSAA staff is running over our board and doing as they please.

Just four years ago in Las Vegas, as President of the MAGCS, I questioned and refused to present a check to the GCSAA Scholarship and Research fund, because I felt the expenditures were too high for the amount of dollars being used for the S & R. Now, the whole financial statement is presented in generalities so you cannot question the funds individually.

Why — when we ask the President, or Director of GCSAA what the new found “CEO” or any of the staff make, they refuse to tell us? Are the salaries too high or didn’t the Board make those decisions? Why — has the opening of Foreign Offices in the R.I.M. countries and the proposal of regional offices come as just announcements? I do not want a Superintendent or Regional Officer, picked by the GCSAA staff, coming to tell me how to run my golf course, when I already have available — Randy Kans, Tom Fermanian, Dave Wehner, Hank Wilkinson, and many more to give help at no cost, and know they are doing research locally.

In light of these and many other unknown’s, I am sure the GCSAA Standards Committee was very heavily influenced by the staff of GCSAA in presenting the By-Law changes to give more control to the Board and Staff.

With the voting procedures the way they are now, there are 5000 - 6000 votes cast. With the concept of mail in votes, one person one vote, we would be lucky to get 1500 cast. This would be a small number of the 15,000 person organization.

Most of the By-Law changes are to give the Board and Staff more power and less control by the members. Why do we need more membership classifications? To make the membership number grow? Why is the Board and Staff afraid of the two-thirds majority needed to pass By-Laws?

There was a meeting November 4th, with the President and a Director of the GCSAA in attendance, and about 25 MAGCS members present. The version of the By-Law changes presented by them was the same as the ones previously printed in the GCSAA magazine, and the only ones coming from the GCSAA Headquarters; all one sided.

Give it some thought! Let there be another side heard, and send our **Delegates** to elect a President and new Board of Directors of the GCSAA, that will start asking — What Is Happening?

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