GCSAA supports coalition barring local ordinances on pesticide restrictions

LAWRENCE, Kan., March 11, 1992 — The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has joined the Coalition for Sensible Pesticide Policy (CSPP). GCSAA's board of directors recently voted to join the coalition, which supports proposed federal and state legislation that would prevent local governments from creating and enforcing pesticide ordinances.

The coalition's stated objective is to "secure sensible, uniform federal/state regulation of pesticides by passing preemptive legislation, while allowing local input into the federal/state regulatory process." CSPP membership includes representatives from manufacturers and users of turf and ornamental chemical specialty products.

GCSAA President William R. Roberts, CGCS, said it is important that federal and state legislators recognize the importance of limiting the authority of pesticide regulations to state and federal agencies. "The complexities of pesticide regulations and the education process needed for compliance make it imperative that these regulations be consistent — at least on a state-level basis," Roberts said.

GCSAA's board has also adopted a position paper that favors restricting the control of pesticides to state and federal agencies.

Thank You! MAGCS

by Mark Johnson, CMAC Appointee

You welcome us to your monthly meetings, to your educational seminars, to your social functions, and now to your Executive Board. Thank you Bruce Williams for getting the ball rolling, and to Ray Schmitz & Tim Kelly for their positive support for the continuance of the CMAC. All of us on the CMAC are very excited about the positive response all of you have provided us with in our 2 years of existence.

Phil Taylor, Chairman Emeritus did an outstanding job of directing the CMAC towards goals we had established from our inception. I know David Louttit will continue the same format and direct us to work along closely with the MAGCS.

All of you know Fred Opperman as the editor for the **Bull Sheet**, but he is also a valued addition to our committee. His experience as a Superintendent adds a lot of insight to the direction we feel we should take. He also does a great job on reminding us when our **Bull Sheet** articles are due (Thanks Fred!)

Most of the Class E members will probably agree that the monthly golf meetings are something everyone looks forward to attending. Thank you **all** for offering your courses, staff, and facilities for our enjoyment. Chicago definitely has the best courses and Superintendents in the world.

To conclude, on behalf of **all** the Class E members who belong to the MAGCS, I would like to thank **all** the Superintendents for making this a **great** and **fun** organization to belong to.

Have a great "92" - Mark.

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