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## More Comments on the Future Direction of the GCSAA

In June, I wrote to President Roberts and requested a copy of the By-law changes to be presented at Anaheim or a copy of the By-law changes put to a vote by the members in 1991. In his response I did not receive either document, but did receive a "Future Directions" pamphlet. As I review the pamphlet, I have further questions.

- On the vote of members — the changes would not only take away Delegate Vote, but also Proxy Vote. If most people vote by mail there would be no chance for discussing the issues as we now have at the Candidate Briefing.
- On classification — if changed, not only will the Board set new classifications, but will have the right to add requirements for present classifications. If the changes needed can't be communicated well enough to get two-thirds of the members to know it is a better way, then it might not be a better way. I do feel some changes in classification of membership is needed and necessary, but should come through the approval of present members.
- On the Nominating and Election Committee — who knows what the procedure will be? Usually if a change is proposed, the new way of doing things is presented for inspection and review, not just doing away with the old.
- On the Field Staffing Program — I continue to believe a trial period is better than an all out program, especially when, according to the pamphlet, this Field Staffing Program will require a **\$40 to \$50 PER YEAR dues increase**. No wonder the Board wants the right to set dues. Wouldn't it be nice if we Superintendents could develop our budget and then **tell** the members of the club what their dues **will** be for the year?

And about the subject of cost, why do we have to pay \$7 for a copy of Conference Proceedings and \$20 for an Employee Manual? What has happened to SERVICE to the members.

In the June issue of *Newsline* I see the headquarters building is being expanded. Less than a year ago at the dedication, we were told the new building would be good for four to five years. It seems like a tremendous cost to the Association and what is the status of the old H.Q. building? What success would a field staff person have at getting new members at a dues figure of \$350 to \$400 per year and increasing at a \$40 to \$50 rate per year?

As I urge all GCSAA members, I say again — ask any question, study the answer, and be ready to support your decision by talking with your Chapter Delegate. We all want a better Association for the benefit of all its members.

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