

# Have You Ever Wondered —

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- How many actual A & B members there are in the GCSAA?
- Why if something isn't broke, there is always someone who wants to fix it?
- Where the "best" candidates for GCSAA office come from — Chances are at one time they were delegates, learning the ins and outs of our association.
- Why it costs so much to attend a seminar?
- Why it costs so much to become certified, and how expensive it is to remain certified?
- Why seminars that are already filled, might not always be filled by our Class A and B members first.
- Why if through proper planning (at least 1 yr. ahead), everything has to be done yesterday and can't possibly wait for the next annual meeting, where the membership can also cast their opinions and ideas, no matter how silly they may sound.
- Why you, as a member, have a difficult time getting a straight answer to anything.
- Why, if our opinion differs from that of the "powers that be," can't we have our opinions expressed in "our magazine" and not just selected depositions.
- What is being done with the former headquarters building, and what is it costing us annually to maintain it?
- What is the new expansion (approx. \$1.5 million) to our new headquarters building all about, or is this just a rumor?
- Why everything is a deep, dark secret within the board. Are they sworn to secrecy, blood oath, or what? We are paying the freight.
- Why the board seems to want the power of just setting the dues, with no input from the membership as a whole. What are they afraid of? Only once in my 30 yrs. in the association has a dues increase been shot down, and that was instituted a year later. Again, plan ahead, and the membership will back you 100% through individuals and delegates.
- What is wrong with a 2/3 vote to amend the by-laws? Let the directors sell their ideas to the membership, both individually and through the delegates, instead of mandating them.
- What are we paying yearly for legal council — to defend us from what? Are we afraid of something or someone? If so, we want to know!!
- What are our key personnel being paid, and how many do we really have on the staff. Are we being governed by the assistants-assistants?
- Finally, it has often been stated, "The best **government** is the least government." What is wrong in this country today can usually be traced to too much **government**. Take away the voice of the people, and you can count us along with the countries in Europe that have failed in the past 2 years. Are we about to let ourselves fall into this trap? I hope not. We, as an association have too much to offer in a positive manner. Let's not try to be everything to everyone. The last time I looked, we were still the "GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA".

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