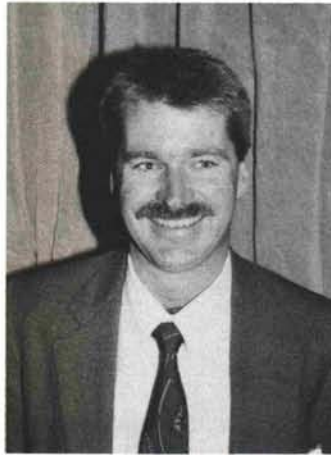


GCSAA Affiliate Chapter Dues Survey Summary

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These days, you always seem to be filling out some sort of survey or comment card. I know, they are a pain to fill out, but there is some useful information to be found. This is the reason the MAGCS Board of Directors instructed me to conduct a survey of GCSAA affiliate chapters' dues structures. We wanted to compare the MAGCS dues to other chapters throughout the country.



Surveys were sent to 22 chapters. Locations of chapters included the mid-western states surrounding Illinois, California, Florida, New York, and Texas. The following are the questions:

1. Dues for a superintendent with 3 or more years of experience?
2. Dues for a superintendent with less than 3 years experience?
3. Dues for assistant superintendents?
4. Dues for commercial members?
5. Do you offer corporation memberships?
6. Do you offer student memberships?
7. Do you employ a full-time executive director or secretary?

Here are some highlights from the survey. Out of 15 responses, 9 have higher dues for their Class A, B, and C members than the MAGCS; 8 commercial members dues are higher than the MAGCS; 3 chapters offered a corporate membership; 8 chapters offered student memberships; and 8 chapters employ a full-time executive director or secretary. The higher dues for A, B, and C members range from \$10 to \$50 over the MAGCS current dues. Commercial membership were \$15 to \$95 over our current dues.

We on the Board of Directors and the membership have to take a hard look at what it costs to operate the third largest GCSAA affiliate chapter in the country. The vast amount of work it takes to run our association is sometimes overwhelming, which I am finding out. Our current dues just cover the cost of the **Bull Sheet**, and that's it. There is a need to have a full-time secretary to handle administrative duties and answer phone calls. The MAGCS has grown to the point that this is not a part-time position.

I'm sure we all agree our association dues are a good value. But as our association continues to grow, we need to ask ourselves, are we looking for a bargain or the best association we can be?

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