

At its Thursday, April 18 meeting, the MAGCS Board of Directors:

Registered a thank-you letter from:

- The GCSAA Platinum Tee Club for the \$5,000 donation.

Discussed other matters.

- The spring meeting of the Past Presidents Council was very well-attended, with 15 past presidents and current president Luke Strojny on hand at River Forest C.C. As always, the Council provided substantive, meaningful feedback and suggestions. A report from Joel Purpur, chair of the Council, is forthcoming.
- Editorial Committee chair Dave Braasch presented the details of a new editorial award for MAGCS members who are NOT superintendents. The Board approved the award as well as the guidelines and criteria developed

by the Editorial Committee. For more details, see below.

- Long-Range Planning Committee chair Luke Cella described his committee's initiative and ideas to standardize the format of all committee SOPs and enhance the transition of committee leadership each year.
- Membership Committee chair Tim Anderson provided detailed statistics and analysis on MAGCS membership trends. The Board further examined the "honorary member" category and decided that current criteria for honorary membership are appropriate.
- The Environmental Committee is lobbying for more MAGCS superintendents to participate in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Also, courses currently enrolled in the

ACSP are encouraged to join in the North American Birdwatching Open on May 11. See article on page 17.

- The Board approved accounts payable expenses for March in the amount of \$19,073.25.

Reminders:

- Complete minutes from each Board of Directors meeting are available on the MAGCS Web site, www.magcs.org.
- Only members of the MAGCS are eligible to register for and play at monthly golf meetings. Substitutions for preregistered players must be members as well.
- Sponsorships for MAGCS monthly golf meetings June through September are still available. Interested parties may call Mike Mumper at 847-823-8682.



Introducing the Fred D. Opperman Editorial Award!

Midwest superintendents who contribute to On Course vie for the Ray Gerber Editorial Award, which recognizes the best superintendent-authored article appearing in our magazine each year (defined as September through August). Starting this year, MAGCS members in categories C, D, E, F and G have one more incentive to write for our magazine: the opportunity to earn the Fred D. Opperman Editorial Award.

The MAGCS Board of Directors and the Editorial Committee are pleased to sponsor this award and encourage submissions to *On Course* by assistant golf course superintendents, students, associate/commercial members, and others covered by the eligible membership categories. We are also delighted to name this award after Fred D. Opperman, whose contributions as the longtime editor of this magazine (1983-99) are legendary.

The following are guidelines established for the Fred D. Opperman Editorial Award. Questions? Call or e-mail Dave Braasch, Editorial Committee chair.

1. Articles eligible for the award must be written by a member of the MAGCS who is at the time of submission a class C, D, E, F or G

member. All articles published in *On Course* meeting this requirement will be considered; however, "Super-N-Site" articles are not eligible.

2. Eligible articles include those published in the September through August issues of *On Course*.
3. Judging of the articles will be based on the following criteria:
 - a) The article provides useful information of interest to Midwest members.
 - b) The article is clear and easy to read.
 - c) The author makes good use of graphics (e.g., photos, illustrations, tables, etc.) to support the text and further add to the article's value.
4. Articles originally published elsewhere and then published in *On*

Course will not be considered for the award.

5. For the awarding of this honor to occur, at least six eligible articles must appear in any given qualifying year (September through August). If fewer than six articles qualify in any one year, those qualifying will be carried over to the next year(s) until there are six articles to be judged.
6. A panel of five judges will select the winning entry. The panel will consist of the MAGCS president, a retired superintendent, the editor, the Editorial Committee chair and the contributing editor.

