

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The MAGCS Board of Directors met at Bartlett Hills Golf Course on Tuesday, March 4. The following are highlights from that meeting. Full meeting minutes, once approved, appear on the MAGCS Web site (www.magcs.org).

- President Kevin DeRoo reported the GCSAA Board of Directors election results. Although Bob Maibusch did not get elected as our national secretary/treasurer, the vote was close and Bob did get elected for another term on the BOD.
- On a very sad note: Kevin had a meeting with our executive secretary, George Minnis, only to realize that George's health is impeding him in being able to carry out his duties as our executive secretary. Steps are being taken to immediately reduce George's workload. Luke Strojny motioned and Gary Hearn seconded the naming of one of the MAGCS scholarships for George Minnis in recognition of his exemplary, longstanding contributions to the growth and professionalism of this Association. The motion passed.
- Thank-you letters were received from Sue Braunsky for the flowers, Horizon House for the \$100 donation, and the ITF for the MAGCS donation given at the NCTE.
- Kevin received a resignation letter from Dave Armentrout concerning his duties as commercial advisory representative. Sylvia Lima gladly accepted the appointment by Kevin to fulfill the vacancy left by Dave. Kevin also welcomed our new Class C advisor, Erwin McKone.
- Cathy Miles Ralston, *On Course* editor, reported that revenues are up and expenses are lower than last year through the end of February; she asked that members please keep sending in articles and other news.
- The hospitality suite once again was a huge success, as evidenced by the large participation and by the record number of sponsorships. Thank you, vendors, for your continued support. The Commercial Advisory Committee will fine-tune this event to ensure future success.
- Fred Behnke confirmed that he would be attending the GCSAA Affiliate Chapter Workshop in March in Lawrence, Kansas. During the Mid-Am, Fred also attended a meeting with other allies of the green industry, and expects many good things to become of our efforts within the green industry.
- Phil Zeinert reported that the affiliation agreement with the GCSAA is nearly complete.
- Guest Larry Tomaszewski, AXA Advisors LLC, reported on the performance of the Midwest's long-term investments. Although these investments have declined with the decline of the equity markets, the decline was less than that of the benchmark indices with which our investments are compared. Larry also suggested some slight changes to the portfolio so we stand to gain the most during an upcoming market upturn. Scott Speiden motioned and Fred Behnke seconded that we follow the reallocations recommended by Larry, subject to a follow-up review in six months. The motion passed.
- Gary Hearn reported approval of the following new members:

Bill Ahlstedt	Chevy Chase C.C.	Class C
Tim Schnepf	Golf Creations	Class E
Daniel Eden	Whisper Creek G.C.	Class C
Stephen Daurer	The Glen Club	Class C
Chuck Odierno	Prime Turf	Class E
G. Peter Pieponis	Old Oak C.C.	Class A
Philip Anello	Atlas Bobcat, Inc.	Class E
Todd Vermillion	Northmoor C. C.	Class C
Kristen Rosonke	E Z Go Textron	Class E



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