

The Education Agenda


Over the course of the year, the Education Committee is responsible for the presentation of education at the monthly meetings, planning the annual Midwest Turf Clinic, arranging the cohosted GCSAA regional seminars, and submitting monthly contributions to On Course in the format of the "Ask the Expert" articles. In addition to these duties, our goals for this year include:

Some of the Education Committee's goals for 2004 include surveying the membership regarding their interest in potential education topics, and updating the format of the Midwest Turf Clinic.

- Provide MACGS members with the opportunity to earn more GCSAA-approved education points (EPs) at the local level.
- Develop a list of potential education topics and survey the membership regarding their interest in these topics for the development of future education programs.
- Review and update the written standard operating procedure (SOP) for the Committee.
- Recruit MAGCS members to speak at monthly meetings.
- Update the format of the annual Midwest Turf Clinic

To fully achieve these goals, we need your help! This summer we will post a survey via the Web site (www.magcs.org) to gauge membership interest on a variety of possible education topics. Please take a moment to complete the survey so that in the future we can provide the type of educational opportunities that you desire. The membership survey conducted last fall showed that a majority of the respondents would like to continue to have education offered at the monthly golf meetings. The survey also showed that members want to hear from fellow superintendents and/or assistants. The MAGCS is rich with members who have tackled various challenges throughout their careers. If you would like to share an experience, please contact me or any member of the Education Committee. Remember, we truly are our own best source of education.

We are still working on ideas for updating the Midwest Turf Clinic. Expect that we will move the annual elections to a different time slot so that they occur at a time when a greater number of voting members are present. We also plan to condense the reading of the committee reports so that the education portion of the program gets off to a faster start. Oral reports will be made by the president and the executive director; committees' annual reports will still be made available in their entirety but in a printed format and/or through the Web site. If you have any recommendations on improvements for the Midwest Turf Clinic, please forward them to me.

Finally, serving on this year's Education Committee are Dave Braasch, Robert Graziano, Pat Maksymiu, Lee Miller, Dr. Randy Kane, Dr. Ken Diesburg, Keith Krause, Doug Davis, Derek Florian, Jeff Donahoe, Larry Tomaszewski, Paul Voykin and Dave Drendel. I would like to thank these individuals for volunteering their time to serve on the Committee. 



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