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On Course With the President

I am writing this message in early August and many are wondering; when will this miserable summer ever end? This year, beginning with the cool and wet spring and suddenly turning to the hot and disease infested summer, has really been a physically and mentally demanding season for many superintendents. Hopefully, by now, the real oppressive weather is behind us and we have learned from the miserable experience to better play the cards we are dealt from mother nature. At least we will not have to worry about explaining excessive chemical inventory carry overs, only the excessive expenditure. We will all take a special level of enjoyment as our slow seasons gradually arrive. Not soon enough for this weary superintendent.



The "off" season for the golf course will be a busy time for the continuing planning and restructuring of the MAGCS operation. The Board of Directors of the MAGCS has defined the direction we should take as far as administrative growth is concerned, but we cannot do so without substantial financial support from the membership. The growth and demands of the membership of our association requires full time services in the area of secretarial and data base management. However, until we get the fiscal support of the membership, financially we cannot afford to provide the levels of membership services that best serves an association of our size.

The returned MAGCS Superintendents Surveys will help us get a feel for what the membership wants and expects from it's own association. "Thank You!" to all who took the time to complete and return this important survey. Still, about half of our class A and B members did not care enough about the MAGCS to provide their input. This is disappointing since the goal was to have a full consensus of opinions from the survey questions. The returned surveys will be professionally processed and the results will be published as soon as they become available. Our association would not have been able to afford the professional processing service had it not been for the voluntary contributions made towards the MAGCS Research and Development Program. This is a benefit from your contribution that is coming directly back to you, the MAGCS contributing member. Furthermore, these results will benefit all of the MAGCS membership.

Member input for newsletter name suggestions on the other hand, has been overwhelming. The Editorial Committee received well over 100 creative and interesting new newsletter name ideas! The committee has met to study the suggestions. Shortly thereafter, they will submit their recommendations for the newsletter name of the Midwest. It will take some time to make all of the changes

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associated with the newsletter cover artwork and set up, therefore we do not expect to see anything new and exciting for several months. The Editorial Committee will be busy, as it is no small undertaking.

The golfing season may be nearing more relaxed times, but as you can see, your Board of Directors will be working overtime. Managing the MAGCS is somewhat like managing our golf courses in that even though we try and please everyone, it is not always possible. If we can please the majority, we have done our job. At work as well as with the MAGCS, the Board of Directors enjoys hearing compliments from our members for the time and effort devoted to try and please the membership. All compliments however, are soon forgotten when we hear harsh or unkind words from an unhappy member. It is usually not so much what is said, but **how** it is said. We do, however, take constructive thoughts very seriously. There have been many changes and advancements within our association over the past 10 years. These accomplishments have not come without some resistance and vocal disagreement from a few individuals, but the MAGCS continues to progress in spite of their differences of opinion. The current Board of Directors is certain that the direction and decisions made this year are for the ultimate good of our members, our association, and our profession.

Some have undoubtedly disagreed and that is healthy for everyone concerned. We have heard and evaluated both the compliments and complaints thrown in our direction. We realize that we cannot please everyone, but unlike some of the comments to date, if one has a complaint, think about how it feels on the receiving end of the comment. All I ask is that it be done with class and please, be professional about it. Thank You.

Joel Purpur, President, MAGCS

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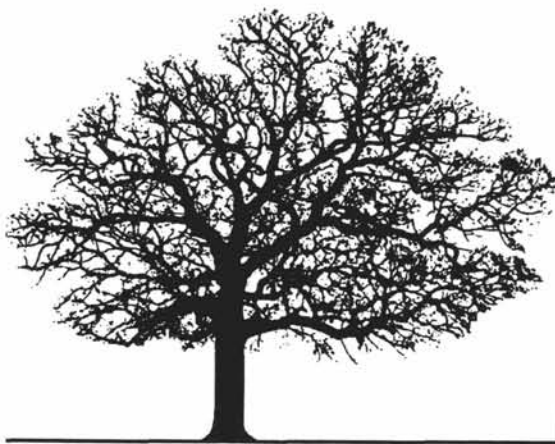


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Chapter Affiliation Agreement

by Roger Stewart, CGCS
MAGCS Voting Delegate

I have been a member of the Chapter Relations Committee for GCSAA for the last two years. It has been exciting to serve on this committee because the concepts we have discussed and the conclusions we have reached will shape the relationship for GCSAA and its Affiliated Chapters for the next twenty years and beyond. I have served as the Voting Delegate for the MAGCS for the past several years and have witnessed the good, the bad, and the ugly of politics and chapter relations. GCSAA, over the past ten years or so has made remarkable progress in many areas, but it has only been during the last three or four years that a concentrated effort has been made to strengthen and solidify the bond with it's Affiliated Chapters. Chapters, on the other hand, fiercely proud and independent, until the last two or three years, always been suspect of every move GCSAA makes in the area of Chapter Relations. I have always found this to be a puzzling and frustrating arrangement. The strength of any profession is only as strong as the sum total of it's constituents. I have felt strongly for some time that this rocky and sometimes adversarial relationship has been a roadblock for us to advance in our profession. The good news is that on the horizon there is a window of opportunity for our profession to take some quantum leaps in the area of Chapter Relations.

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In September, Bob Maibusch and I will be attending the second annual Chapter Relations/Delegate meeting in Lawrence along with 100 or so other chapter representatives. Among many items on the agenda, we will be discussing several new progressive chapter relations initiatives. These proposals were developed by the Chapter Relations Committee to create a strong bond between GCSAA and it's chapters as a foundation for the growth and progress of our profession into the next century. The key points in the new Affiliation Standards proposal are as follows:

- Affiliated Chapters would be required to be incorporated and submit their articles of incorporation and bylaws with the application for admission as an Affiliated Chapter. This basically is an issue of protection from liability.
- Chapter Bylaws and Membership Classifications should not conflict with GCSAA Bylaws and Classifications, but rather be consistent and parallel with those of GCSAA. This provides consistency and continuity of membership classifications and requirements for the profession.
- Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors should consist of a majority GCSAA members and the Officers should all be GCSAA members. This identifies the pursuit of common goals and better represents the interests of superintendents.

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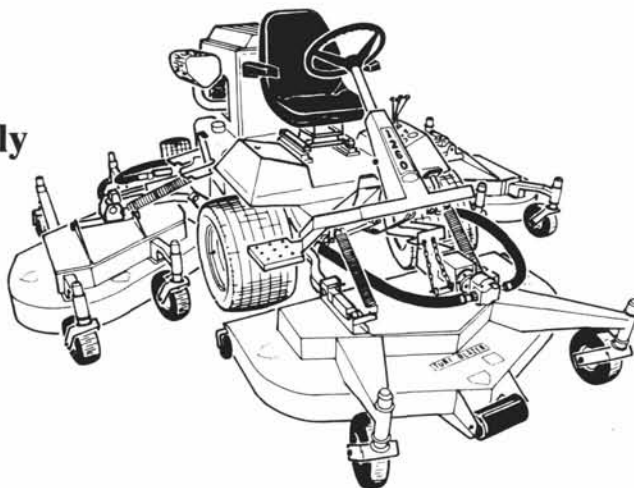
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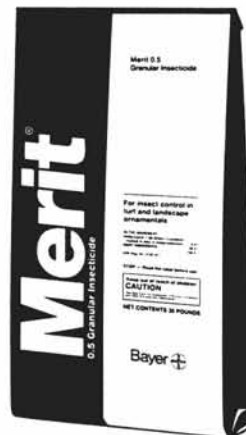
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- Affiliated Chapters would be required to submit annual reports such as financial statements, articles of incorporation, membership rosters, bylaws, certificate of insurance, etc. GCSAA currently makes this type of information available to chapters and the committee felt the chapters should be required to do the same to improve communications, cross referencing, data bases, etc.
- Affiliated Chapters would be required to send an official chapter representative to the annual Chapter Relations meeting.
- Affiliated Chapters would be required to obtain liability insurance for its Officers and Directors as well as general liability insurance with minimums of \$1,000,000.00.
- Affiliated Chapters would be required to maintain the following GCSAA Class A,B, and C membership percentages: Jan. 1, 2000 - 51%, Jan. 1, 2005 - 75%, Jan. 1, 2010 - 100%. This means that over the next 15 years , Affiliated Chapters would be required to bring the percentage of GCSAA membership in classifications A,B, and C to 100%.

The benefits of a chapter being affiliated with GCSAA include delegate voting, cooperative efforts funding research, executive staff benefits for the local chapter, data base accessibility, GCSAA regional seminars, and more. This is a great opportunity for our profession to grow dramatically over the next fifteen years and I hope the MAGCS will support these efforts in the area of improved Chapter Relations.



Larry Schmidt goes fishin'

Long-term Illinois Lawn employee, Larry Schmidt, will be making a move in late August. Larry, who was a mechanic for the Catholic Cemeteries of Chicago, left there in 1962 to work at Illinois Lawn Equipment. In his 33 years at Illinois Lawn Larry has been a Mechanic, Shop Foreman, Service Manager, Director of Service; and, most recently, he has been using his expertise in the Parts Department.

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Larry and his wife, Sandy, have purchased a house on Pokegma Lake in Chetek, Wisconsin. The house is a ten-minute drive from the Smithco factory and is on the same lake that Larry and his family have vacationed on for the past 35 years.

Another recent big event in Larry and Sandy's life was the birth of grandchild number one, a girl, born on July 13, Courtney Condon.

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Well over 200 people, including members, friends and Adolph's family attended the festivities and a delicious lunch was served.



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