

The MAGCS Board of Directors met on Wednesday, August 2, 2006. Among the items discussed were:

- The creation of a survey by our local chapter delegate(s) for the GCSAA candidates. I will work with MAGCS chapter delegate, Don Ferreri and invite the Chicagoland delegate (TBD) to develop a survey for the current GCSAA candidates to answer. This will occur after the Chapter Delegates meeting this October 13-15. The survey will be web based and guide the decisions for votes cast.
- The MAGCS Board of Directors will begin formulating a survey of the membership. Each committee chair was encouraged to create a list of questions that are pertinent to the future direction of their assigned tasks. The survey will take place after the first of the year and will be done electronically and via mail to those that don't receive email. (If there are specific questions you would like membership to answer, please feel free to contact me.)
- The next Board of Director Meeting is slated for September 13, 2006. Items on the agenda include: nominations for the 2007 Board of Directors, dues, and the Midwest Turf Clinic.
- This August, the MAGCS membership reaches 800. The class breakdown by the numbers:

Class A	237
Class SM	65
Class AA.....	38
Class C.....	129
Class DE	2
(Employee)	
Class DS.....	2
(Student – a 200% increase)	
Class DT	115
(Technician)	
Class E	198
Class G.....	3
<u>Class H.....</u>	<u>18</u>
Total.....	808

- Matching Grant Awarded to Dr. Tom Voigt
The MAGCS (through the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation) and the GCSAA's Environmental Institute for Golf will cooperate to fund Tom Voigt's research project "Warm-season Native Grasses for Playable Midwestern Golf Course Roughs". This study will be conducted at the University of Illinois with plots in Champaign as well as the Sunshine Course at Midwest Golf House.
- Midwest Personalities
I have posted the Midwest Personality Sheet in the Member's Only area of magcs.org. Please take a few moments and fill out the form. It is nice to get to know each other.
- Congratulations to Tom Lively, CGCS and staff for their work in preparation of the PGA Tournament. I'm certain no one truly knows the undertaking that was accomplished but these MAGCS members. Thank you for hosting, and bringing the golf world into our backyard, not a blade of grass was out of place.



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