



ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

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Time flies! I have spent a very busy summer attending to my duties at San Jose Country Club along with my responsibilities with GCSAA. Due to GCSAA's interest in Orlando I have had the opportunity to meet with Executive Director McLoughlin in person on several occasions, and with Education Director Jim Prusa occasionally. Our meetings have been very productive and have dealt with a number of issues in addition to the move. From what I have observed I can assure you that your national association has been working diligently to implement many new and progressive programs. In addition plans are being finalized for what I feel will be the finest conference ever in Atlanta. The new directory should be in your hands by the time you read this. In the coming years, with the addition of our new inhouse computer, this publication will be updated and improved so that we will be able to use it as our professional handbook.

The editor's seminar has been held and hopefully this will be one more step in the direction of keeping the members abreast of all the ideas and programs that your association is planning for the future.

One of the most critical decisions coming up at your annual meeting in Atlanta next year is the subject of dues. As you know the increase this year was a one shot deal. Next year they revert back to the old structure. I feel something must be done to give the directors the flexibility to run the association in a professional and business-like manner. I therefore believe we should give our elected directors the option to set the dues structure at a rate that would give the association fiscal stability.

The movement of our national headquarters has been narrowed down to the primary target of Orlando, Florida. This seems like a very good choice and your truly is actively helping assemble facts and figures for such a move. Bear in mind though that GCSAA is a national

organization and being an elected director I feel I should act and vote in the best interest of all our members around the world.

Although many of you are already aware of the fact, I must make a comment on the recent addition to the GCSAA staff of fellow supt. Lewis C. "Chip" Powell, CGCS. Chip and I have become close friends in the past five years since he came to Jacksonville. His main interest is in the performance and professionalism of the golf course superintendent. In this vein I think that GCSAA could not have picked a better man to help guide us and further the cause of the golf course superintendent in the next decade. I am sure Chip will want all his friends in Florida to keep him informed of all their ideas and comments about GCSAA. We are truly on the move to greater leadership in the golfing community with the dedication of young men like Chip.

Again I ask if you have any problems or ideas to benefit the association please give me a call I am working for you. ■

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