



ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

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The fall Board meeting was held in Orlando, Florida on the 30th of October thru November 3rd and many items were discussed and reviewed. The most important and critical being the dues structure of your national association over the next few years. As you know, I, and your state association, favored giving the Executive Board the authority to set the dues for the membership in the coming years but this was defeated and a one year dues structure of \$105.00 was adopted.

After reviewing the budget and the programs that GCSAA will be giving the membership in the next few years it became obvious to me and the rest of the Board that for good fiscal planning a dues structure should be adopted that we could live with in the coming years. It was therefore unanimously adopted that we present to the membership for their approval a rate of \$145.00 for 83, 84 and a \$20.00 rate increase for each year thereafter for 2 years.

I feel this is a sound dues structure and if you add up all the +'s you receive from your national association (I.E.: Insurance, National Trade Shows, Continuing Education) you receive greater benefits than you pay for under the present dues collected.

The other item your Board worked on while in Florida was the proposed move of headquarters from Kansas to Florida. On Monday afternoon we met with the committee of 100 from Tampa. This city wants the association very badly and showed us some sites that we might consider. They also presented us a plan for financing such a move.

On Tuesday we met with the Orlando Orange County Convention Bureau and toured their new facility where we are tentatively booked for the 1988 convention. While this is a very nice facility it appears to me to be somewhat small for our convention and show. Hopefully by 1988 their 2nd phase will be completed and we can hold our show in Orlando as planned as this is a most desirable, family oriented city for our meeting.

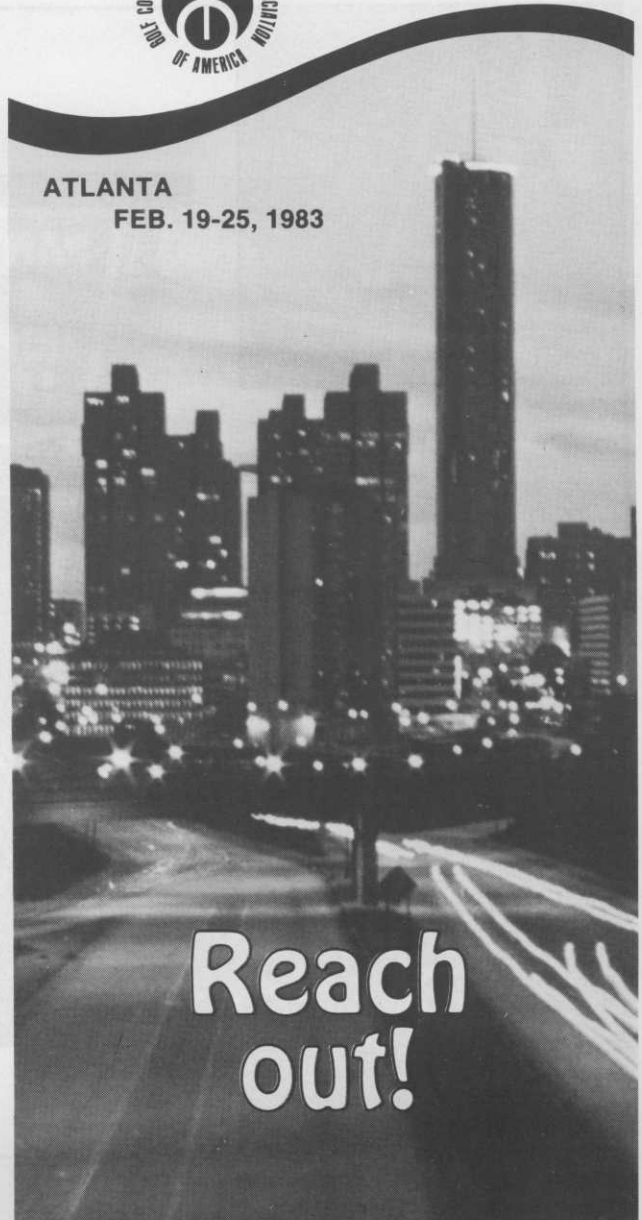
It has been almost a year since I took office and it has become more obvious to me each day how critical it is to have a dedicated and professional staff at national headquarters representing us and giving us the programs that will make us more professional in our every day work place.

If I can be of any help to you or if you have any ideas to benefit our association do not hesitate to call. ■

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