



Chapters to face votes on a variety of GCSAA national proposals

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The proposed chapter affiliation agreement that the national and local superintendents' associations will be working on over the next few months contains other items in addition to the dual membership requirement.

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Vice President Bruce Williams said the proposed agreement, which includes many of the items contained in the existing pact, would also require that:

- affiliated chapters be incorporated;
- all officers of local chapters be superintendents and the majority of board members be superintendents;
- chapters submit annual reports;
- chapters send a representative to the annual chapter relations meeting and a representative to vote at the annual meeting;
- all chapters obtain a minimum of \$1 million in liability coverage for officers and directors;
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The Chapter Relations Committee will submit its proposal to the GCSAA Board of Directors in time for the board's fall meeting sometime in October. The board can implement the affiliation agreement without a vote of the full GCSAA membership.

The Standards and Bylaws Committee, chaired by Immediate Past President Joseph Baidy, will also submit any proposed bylaw amendments to the board

that it feels are necessary to comply with the proposed chapter relations agreement. Two-thirds of the board would have to approve putting any amendments before the GCSAA membership for a vote at February's annual meeting in Orlando.

If approved, the local chapters would have approximately 15 months to approve any local bylaw amendments or other changes needed to comply with the new chapter affiliation agreement, Williams said.

Product makes walking safe with soft spikes

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uct is mixed just like concrete and literally poured onto the plywood at about half inch thickness. After either product sets-up for a while, any shape that is desired can be imprinted into the surface, such as rectangles to make the surface look like bricks, or squares to make it resemble paver blocks. Another interesting feature of these two products is they come in eight to 16 colors. They even can custom-make a color for the superintendent's own course conditions.

The rubberized product is literally made of many tiny pieces of recycled rubber and affords a nice resiliency when walked on or being driven over with golf cars and maintenance vehicles.

Another important advantage to these products is they are resilient to traditional metal golf spikes as well, so either type of golf shoe will benefit from this excellent bridge surface. Many superintendents have also used this product to cover concrete surrounding a golf shop, clubhouse or halfway house area, for obvious reasons.

Other alternatives to these two products:

- Use rolls of rubber matting and nail/glue them to the bridge surface; use a plastic synthetic grass surface, attach plywood to the bridge surface and then glue the synthetic grass to the plywood;
 - Use the many types of interlocking rubberized products employed in the food-and-beverage business behind bars and inside kitchens; they can be bolted or glued to a bridge surface and come in many different colors and styles available;
 - Paint the bridge surface with the many types of non-slip coatings available in many different colors and textures;
 - Try the spike-proof carpet used inside the lockerroom; it will withstand use out-doors;
 - Try driving range golf tee rubberized mats; they also work well;
 - Use self-adhesive anti-slip tape; it can work if it is strong enough to withstand the elements;
 - Try an approved indoor-outdoor carpet suitable for metal spikes.
- Insurance companies will be quite happy to receive pictures and information about any of these non-slip products.

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