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Within the GCSAA, would you like to see block chapter election voting discontinued and individual member voting guaranteed via the internet?

76% YES

24% NO

based on 263 responses, +/- 6 percent



## Quotables

"Superintendents don't want checks on their golf courses such as a 10-foot-by-10-foot square in the middle of a fairway or the corner of a green. Their job is on the line, so they won't do it. Universities can take various areas and let them become stressed or even die, but on a golf course, that can be unacceptable."

- **Clark Rowles**, CGCS, of Nakoma Golf Club in Madison, Wis., about testing biostimulants

"The turf responded like I was giving it first aid."

- **Dan Petersen**, golf course superintendent at the Warren Golf Club on Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, about the noticeable difference after aerifying regularly

"There's nothing like being out there on the course by yourself in the morning. It's the closest thing you can get to heaven on earth."

- **Doug Petersan**, a retired golf course superintendent and consultant based in Texas

## Consider this

Is the ownership group of the golf course you manage thinking about renovating, reconstructing or restoring the course? No doubt a lot of planning is needed for such projects because there are many things to consider. Mike Hurdzan, Ph.D., a principal of Hurdzan/Fry Golf Course Design suggests focusing on the long-term aspects of such projects and not on the immediate cost. Hurdzan presented some factors to think about at the National Institute of Golf Management earlier this year in West Virginia.

### Golf course factors:

- Rising golf course maintenance standards, i.e., the cost to build and maintain bunkers is more than greens
- More sophisticated member expectations
- Drainage is a high priority
- Changing membership demographics
- Irrigation water quality changes
- Turf stands segregate and change

### Non-golf course factors:

- Outside influences that restrict change
- Adjacent land development
- Hosting tournaments and outings
- Golf and maintenance equipment changes
- An increase of liability

