

# W.G.C.S.A. SECRETARY'S COLUMN

By Rodney W. Johnson

Behind the scenes and in between working at our real jobs, your W.G.C.S.A. Board of Directors has been busy on several important items.

First of all are the bylaw changes which are being brought to a membership vote at our June meeting at Kettle-Moraine Golf Club. Proposed bylaw changes include a name change for our association and a change in Class B membership definitions which would allow for more than one Class B member from an individual club.

The membership committee consisting of Dale Marach and Bill Roberts has initiated an aggressive new member campaign. They have composed an excellent new member recruitment letter and will be sending it to 150 presently non-member Superintendents from throughout the state.

New members approved at our April and our May meetings are as follows:

Dave Oberle	Class D	Pine Hills Country Club
Scott Schaller	Class D	Pine Hills Country Club
Steve Dobish	Class A	Oshkosh Country Club
E-Z Go of Madison	Class E	
Elanco Products	Class E	
Steve Allen	Class B	Ville Du Parc
George Magnin	Class D	Blackhawk Country Club
Gary Hunerberg	Class B	Deer Run
Pat Shaw	Class B	Muskego Lakes
Gordon Wadington	Class D	Brynwood
John Syty	Class A	South Hills, Racine

In a related matter, Dr. David Cookson has been approved as an Honorary member. The W.G.C.S.A. Board has bestowed this honor on Dr. Cookson citing his frontrunner position in Wisconsin Golf and in appreciation for his continuing support as a regular contributor to the "Grass Roots."

Welcome to all new W.G.C.S.A. members.

## MEET DR. WAYNE KUSSOW



It is the good fortune of the turfgrass industry in Wisconsin that Dr. Wayne Kussow, Professor of Soil Science at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, will be assuming a larger role in turfgrass research, teaching, extension and counselling in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. He is a person that WGCSA members will be getting to know better and better in the upcoming months as Dr. James R. Love approaches retirement.

Dr. Kussow received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin—Madison Department of Soil Science. His varied background includes the following positions:

1965-67	Project Associate and Assistant Professor, UW Programs, University of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil.
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1968-69	Assistant Professor of Plant Science, University of Delaware.
1969-73	Assistant Professor of Soil Science and Assistant Director of International Agriculture Programs, University of Wisconsin—Madison.
1973-76	Senior Resident Advisor/Rice Research Team Leader, U.W. Brazil Program.
1974-78	Associate Professor of Soil Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison.
1977-82	Associate Director of International Agriculture Programs, University of Wisconsin—Madison.
1979-present	Professor of Soil Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison.

Dr. Kussow's professional interests include plant nutrient dynamics in the soil in relation to nutrient uptake, fertilizer use, soil test methodology and soil test interpretation. His current focus is on phosphorus and potassium. He anticipates the development of a research program focused entirely on turfgrass, and that is where our good luck lies. This will also most likely include increased advising activity with turfgrass students as well as increasing responsibilities in undergraduate instruction. He currently is the major professor for two Ph.D. candidates.

Wayne, wife Carol, and his three sons reside in Madison. Soccer and competitive swimming keep them busy.

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