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ROBERTS WINS!

WGCSA President William Roberts was overwhelmingly elected to the GCSAA's Board of Directors during its' Annual Meeting at the 57th International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Francisco. Bill was selected from among 7 candidates to 1 of the 3 Directors' positions available. It is interesting to note that his vote total was second highest among the seven candidates. His election during Monday's Annual Meeting capped a week, and more likely a year, of hard work and campaigning by himself and others. It also topped an excellent week of representation by Wisconsin turfgrass industry members.

The weeklong conference started on Monday, January 27, with 9 of the 28 GCSAA Educational Seminars offered. Six of these 28 were new and being presented

for the first time this year. Dr. John Harkin, Professor in the University of Wisconsin — Madison Soils Department and Director of the Natural Resources — Environmental Toxicology School, addressed the Seminar Luncheon on Thursday. Among topics covered by Dr. Harkin was the use of Temik, an agricultural pesticide. He presented some outstanding data for supporting its continued use in certain situations.

Friday morning marked the official start of the conference with the opening session. Remarks and presentations were heard from GCSAA President Eugene Baston. Included during this time was acknowledgement to the editors of award winning chapter newsletters. The GRASSROOTS Editor,

Monroe Miller, was acknowledged at this time for the "Best Over-all Newsletter" by a category C chapter (more than 70 members). Plaques and certificates, however, were awarded at a newsletter seminar on Thursday to honor those editors.

The keynote speaker for the session was retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager. He was an appropriate speaker because of the tragic Space Shuttle accident the week before. His talk was centered mainly on his life and background in aviation and aerospace, but he did mention the shuttle accident and was confident solutions would be found and the shuttle program would go on.

Also on Monday morning and after the opening session, the O.J. Noer Research Foundation held its Annual Membership Meeting. Danny Quast

was on hand to present Foundation President Tony Grasso with a check of the profits and proceeds from the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium. An obviously delighted President Grasso thanked the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium organizers and the Wisconsin Superintendents for their continued support of the Foundation.

Friday afternoon was the start of the GCSAA's educational seminars. Approximately 100 superintendents, researchers and many other professionals in the industry gave short, informative talks on topics ranging from personal financing to research data. These sessions continued on Saturday and Sunday, giving the attendee's an opportunity to

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