



Fall Business Meeting

By **Brett Grams**, Chapter Manager, WGCSA

I hope the fall was successful for all of our membership. Challenges with the weather for 2010 seemed to be the norm this year. Thankfully the fall season allowed many of our states courses to recover and heal. I am confident that many of you are looking forward to a white blanket of snow and an end to the golfing season.

As our golf season winds down my role as WGCSA Chapter Manager kicks in to high gear. I have been working with our Board of Directors in planning for the Fall Meeting. A bylaw change was approved by the membership to create a Class C Assistants Committee. This new committee will allow representation at the board level for the current 66 Class C members of our association.

Normally the Board's officer positions change every two years but due to President Brian Zimmerman taking a job in Ohio he will be stepping down after this

year. The pending changes to the board are a healthy transition for the association. However changes mean we will miss the services of some dedicated people. Brian will remain as Immediate Past President but Dustin Riley's long tenure of service to the WGCSA Board is now officially ending.

The election of officers and directors was held at the Fall Business Meeting on November 16th and the results are as follows.

- President - Jeff Millies, CGCS, Edgewood Golf Course
- Vice President - Chad Harrington, Autumn Ridge Golf Course
- Treasurer - Jim Van Herwynen, CGCS, South Hills Golf & Country Club
- Secretary - Mark Storby, Oneida Golf & Country Club
- Director - Scott Bushman, Fox Valley Golf Club
- Director - Jon Canavan, Milwaukee County Parks

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Directors Colin Seaberg, Ozaukee Country Club and Scott Sann, CGCS, Greenwood Hills Country Club have one year remaining on their terms.

I want to personally thank the entire board for the hard work and dedication to our Association. The leadership, directives, and support I receive from the Board is outstanding. I look forward to even more success in the future. Along with elections we also will be approving our 2011 Budget. Thanks to prudent spending we were able to control many costs in 2010 which will help us with 2011.

The WGCSA has worked with GCSAA Travel to reserve a block of rooms at the Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando. Rates are \$89.00 per night. This hotel was formerly the Quality Inn at Pointe Orlando and is still listed as such on the GIS Map. This hotel is #15 on the map.

The 3rd Annual Assistants Seminar is going to be held on Tuesday January 25th at Whispering Springs GC in Fond Du Lac, WI. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Our Scholarship and Research Funding will again remain similar with hopes of increasing the funding of University Wisconsin Research at higher levels with increased participation of the PAR4 Online Auction. The following S&R items were approved at the Fall Business Meeting.

- JR Love Scholarship - \$1,500
- Legacy Scholarship - \$1,500
- Monroe S. Miller Literary Scholarship - \$1,000
- TDL Donation - \$1,000
- OJ Noer Research Foundation - \$8,000
- Environmental Institute for Golf - \$500
- UW Madison / Wisconsin Turfgrass Association - \$15,000

The approval of \$500 for the economic impact study highlighted in the July August issue of The Grass Roots was approved due to the Club Managers not coming through with their pledge of \$3,000.

I hope all of you are aware of the WGCSA's first PAR4 Online Auction efforts in 2010 was a great success. Planning is already underway for 2011. We have provided some general information already. We have moved the dates of the online auction to run during the week of the Masters. In addition, each member club/facility will have application forms and information provided with the membership renewal mailing which will go out in December. We hope to give each member more time to secure permissions and donations. In 2010 we raised over \$8,300.00 with approximately 30% of our member facilities participating. The PAR4 Committee is hopeful that we can increase participation and show even more support for our UW in 2011.

There are a few dates left for superintendents to show off their facility by hosting a golf and education



Past President Brian Zimmerman accepts the presidents plaque from President Elect Jeff Millies at the Fall Business Meeting.

meeting next season. Please contact us if you are interested.

As I mentioned you will also soon be getting your annual membership dues renewal forms. The forms will be similar to last year with ALL members needing to review contact information and updating any information necessary. A change for 2011 will be an actual INVOICE for your renewal. Updates to our records and record keeping now allow me to invoice members which will make it easier to record and track renewals and payments for all involved.

As always, please contact me with any questions you may have about the PAR4, membership renewal, Job Opportunities, or website issues. In addition if you are interested in hosting a meeting, have a suggestion for education topics or have other ideas to enhance our Association I would enjoy learning of them.

Thanks for being a valued member of the WGCSA. 🌱

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