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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

MGCSA Board Decisions Are Based On Membership Concerns



It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as president of one of the leading associations in the golf course industry. Our association is a leader because it is represented by individuals committed to funding research, continuing education and environmental issues. The board of directors has always been a progressive leader in recognizing forthcoming issues that involve our membership. The decisions the board makes, and the funds allocated, are based on membership concerns as a whole.

Our appreciation for their work on the board goes to outgoing officer Jim Nicol and directors Joe Moris and John Harris. Their insight, support and inspiration provided leadership for our association as we are challenged by ever-changing issues.

I would like to welcome Doug Mahal back onto the board as our secretary. Doug served on the board of directors from 1984 to 1988, and was our president in 1987. Serving on the board takes a considerable amount of time, and we appreciate the commitment Doug and our other board members, past and present, have made.

The Northland Inn was host to an excellent 64th Annual Turf Conference. Shane Andrews and his committee did a thorough job and saw that every detail was met.

The Past-Presidents' Meeting held Wednesday evening after the Annual Meeting was an informative opportunity for past presidents to provide a critique and ask questions of both Tom Fischer and myself. Many of the items covered that evening will be reviewed and implemented during the forthcoming year.

If you purchased an MGCSA Lapel Pin and did not attend the Annual Banquet, you probably have not heard the rest of the story. Mike Leitner has served on the Scholarship Committee for three years and wanted to help increase the fund for scholarships. He purchased the 200 pins and donated them for sale with all proceeds going into the scholarship fund. Thank you, Mike. If you are interested in purchasing a lapel pin, contact the association office.

Also at the Annual Banquet, Steve Garske donated \$1,000 to the MGCSA Scholarship Fund to be given annually in memory of his father, Joe Garske. Thank you, Steve.

Looking ahead to the New Orleans Convention, the caucus for the GCSAA Annual meeting will be held at 8 a.m. February 16, 1992, at the New Orleans Hilton. Check at the front desk of the Hilton for the meeting area. Jim Nicol and myself are this year's voting delegates.

The Hospitality Room at the national convention will be open Saturday evening from 6-9 p.m., February 15. A flier with details will be mailed out pertaining to this. Due to rising costs, along with increased popularity, the board voted to have a cash bar. This enables the committee to use more of the funds toward entertainment, location and food.

—Rick Fredericksen, CGCS
MGCSA President

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