

# 15 Amendments to GCSAA Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation to Be Presented at Annual Meeting On February 7 in Dallas

Fifteen amendments to the bylaws and articles of incorporation of the Golf Course Superintendents of America (GCSAA) will be presented at the organization's annual meeting February 7 in Dallas.

Some 16,000-17,000 persons are expected to attend the GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show January 31-February 7.

This will be the first major gathering of GCSAA members since executive director John Schilling resigned in September.

In addition to the proposed resolutions, Joseph G. Baidy, superintendent at Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio, is expected to be elected GCSAA president, succeeding Randy Nichols, superintendent of Cherokee Town & Country Club in Dunwoody, Ga. Baidy is currently vice president of the 13,000-member organization. Nominees for vice president are Gary T. Grigg of Naples (Fla.) National Golf Club and Bruce R. Williams of Bob O'Link Golf Club in Highland, Ill. Grigg is now secretary/treasurer of the GCSAA and Williams is a director.

Each will be presented on a separate ballot. Nichols said this clearly defined separation will enable voters to express their wishes on specific issues, without having to consider any unrelated "riders."

Sample ballots with exact text for each proposal, as reviewed by the GCSAA Bylaws Committee, were to be mailed in December to all voting members of the organization as part of the official Notice of Annual Meeting.

The basic issues to be voted upon include:

## Membership Classifications

- Maintaining the current requirement for a two-thirds majority vote to alter the qualifications and levels of privilege for membership Classes AA, A, B and C, while authorizing the board of directors to develop Standing Rules regarding the qualifications and levels of privilege for other membership classifications.

- Simplifying the determination of Class B and C qualifications by making all golf course superintendents with less than three years of experience Class B members and all assistant superintendents, regardless of experience, Class C. This proposal would also extend voting and other "gold card" privileges to Class C members.

- Adding six new membership categories for other golf course maintenance and management personnel, who currently are assigned to Affiliate or Associate classifications, and charging the board to establish Standing Rules for privileges of such membership.

- Establishing a separate membership classification for club officials and golf association staff members, who currently are classified as Affiliate or Associate members, and requiring the board to determine Standing Rules for privileges of such membership.

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bership.

- Creating a new membership class for educators and extension officers, who are currently included in the Affiliate or Associate classifications; allowing the board to lower dues for Retired members; making Honorary membership permanent unless revoked; and requiring the board to set Standing Rules regarding the privileges of Affiliate members.

## Dues Authority

- Preserving the membership's authority to set dues for Classes AA, A, B and C through regular ballot voting procedures instead of the current voice vote, while assigning responsibility for setting other membership classifications' dues to the board of directors.

## Accountability

- Requiring two-thirds majority of the board of directors to approve the execution of any mortgage or loan document that would incur financial obligation for future boards of directors.
- Requiring the printing, in a GCSAA membership publication, of an official post election report of voting records by chapter name, and by totals of individual votes and totals of proxy votes. (Note: If approved, this amendment would not take effect until the 1995 annual meeting, due to current ballot requirements.)
- Making the submission of false information on any membership application or dues statement an offense punishable

by discipline or expulsion; eliminating the current reinstatement requirement of payment of all past-due amounts.

## Other Issues

- Updating the organization's mission to reflect the importance of environmental awareness in golf course management, and to make the association's bylaws and articles of incorporation match.
- Changing the secretary/treasurer position from an appointment to an elected office.
- Clarifying the secretary/treasurer's official duties.
- Naming the president, vice president and secretary/treasurer as trustees of the Benevolence Fund.
- Retitling the association's chief executive "CEO" instead of "executive director."

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