

## Research Advisory Committee Convenes At GCSAA HQ

A panel of golf course superintendents, golf industry officials and university researchers met recently at the headquarters of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The committee met April 28-29, 1993, to identify and prioritize key research projects for GCSAA's Scholarship and Research (S&R) foundation to undertake over the next five to ten years.

Some of the projects the committee listed as priorities for GCSAA S&R included a national study of the economic impact of golf courses and golf course maintenance, bird and wildlife studies that would document the impact of golf course maintenance practices on animals, risk assessment studies that would document the actual pesticide exposure workers and golfers could encounter on golf courses, and water usage studies that would document actual water usage rates on golf courses around the country and compare them to other agricultural and industrial uses.

GCSAA Director Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS, chairman of GCSAA S&R, and GCSAA Director George E. Renault III, CGCS, vice chairman, represented the association's board of directors on the committee.

Other participants on the advisory committee included Dr. John Cisar, Research & Education Center, University of Florida; James T. Snow, national director, United States Golf Association Green Section; David Stone, golf course superintendent, The Honors Course, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mike Waldron, director of tournament services, Ladies Professional Golf Association and Dr. Dave Wehner, Horticulture Department, University of Illinois. One member of the committee, Dr. Gail Schumann, Pathology Department, University of Massachusetts, was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a video presentation of her assessment of research priorities.

GCSAA staff members serving on the committee included Pat Jones, director of development; Kirk Kahler, government relations manager, Dr. Jeff Nus, technical editor and Carol Robertson, communications manager.



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