

# Chapter Reps Meet At GCSAA Headquarters

Representatives from more than 70 golf course superintendent associations across North America met in Lawrence, Kan., at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) national office to share their ideas and views with members of GCSAA's Board of Directors and a special chapter relations planning resource group.

This year's Chapter Relations meeting, held Sept. 25-26, 1994, focused on continued improvement in ties between affiliated chapters and GCSAA, a key component of the association's strategic plan for 1994-95. Representatives participated in an open-forum discussion, giving GCSAA leadership input from the grassroots of the association.

"This meeting helped create a solid foundation for positive and cooperative relations from this point forward," said GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS. "A new level of trust has been established from which we can build future successes."

Gary Grigg, CGCS, GCSAA's vice president and chairman of the Chapter Relations Planning Resource Group, added: "The board has set chapter relations as a priority. This meeting furnished proof of this commitment. The chapter representatives were very responsive to the GCSAA-chapter initiative and we now have some momentum."

The agenda also included a "State of the Association" address by Baidy, discussions on how to foster communica-

tions among chapters and a "Meet the Candidates" session, which gave chapter representatives the opportunity to hear from nominees on the official slate of candidates for the 1995 GCSAA election.

Participants were enthusiastic and felt an annual meeting such as this would only continue to improve communications and benefit the membership. Robert J. Maibusch, CGCS, at Hinsdale (Ill.) Golf Course, said: "The meeting was great. We are definitely moving in the right direction. Everybody I talked to felt the meeting reinforced their confidence in the direction the association is taking and our new management's ideas."

William N. Baker, CGCS at La Quinta (Calif.) Country Club, said: "I thought the meeting was excellent, a very healthy and productive exchange of ideas. The committee did a good job of determining priorities and the group reached consensus on those priorities."

Since 1926, GCSAA has been the leading professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain golf facilities in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, the association provides education, information and representation to more than 14,000 individual members from more than 50 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession, and enrich the quality of golf and its environment.



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