

NATIONAL NEWS

Superintendents Elect Association's 1996-97 Board of Directors

Bruce R. Williams, CGCS, Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill., was elected president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) during the association's recent annual meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Williams succeeds Gary T. Grigg, CGCS, Royal Poinciana Golf Club, Naples, Fla., who will continue to serve on the board for one year as immediate past president.

Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS, Moon Valley Country Club, Phoenix, Ariz., was elected vice president.

Elected as secretary/treasurer was George E. Renault III, CGCS, Burning Tree Club, Bethesda, Md.

Re-elected as director was R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS, Valley View Golf Club, Bozeman, Mont. Ken Mangum, CGCS, Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, Ga., was elected for his first term on the board from a field of six candidates.

Michael Wallace, CGCS, Hop Meadow Country Club, Simsbury, Conn., was reappointed to the board. Wallace will serve the remaining year of Renault's term as director. Renault's director position was vacated when he was elected secretary/treasurer.

Dave Fearis, CGCS, Blue Hills Country Club, Kansas City, Mo., and Tommy D. Witt, CGCS, Wynstone Golf Club, North Barrington, Ill., both have one year remaining on their terms and will continue to serve as directors.

Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, Acacia Country Club, Lyndhurst, Ohio, completed his one-year term as immediate past president and will step down after serving on the GCSAA board of directors for eight years.

GCSAA officers serve one-year terms, and directors are elected to

two-year terms.

The title 'CGCS,' which follows each director's name, stands for Certified Golf Course Superintendent. The CGCS title recognizes the high standards of professionalism achieved through education and experience.

By-laws Amendments Approved

The members of the GCSAA approved one Article of Incorporation change and all 12 by-laws changes on the ballot at their annual meeting held Feb. 10 in Orlando, Fla.

Each ballot issue was passed by a substantial margin. A two-thirds majority vote is required for adoption of by-laws changes. The ballot issues voted in are:

- Ballot Issue No. 1, modified the articles of incorporation allowing chapter delegates and proxy voting for modification in annual dues for Classes AA, A, B and C members;

- Ballot Issue No. 2, beginning July 1, 1997, that each new Class A and B member residing in the United States, except Alaska, must also be a member of an Affiliated Chapter;

- Ballot Issue No. 3, removing voting rights from Class C members and adding a section to the by-laws delineating the rights of membership;

- Ballot Issue No. 4, that all chapters must have an Affiliation Agreement with GCSAA and establish disciplinary action for violation of the agreement and Code of Ethics;

- Ballot Issue No. 5, allowing the Standards/By-laws Committee to reject proposed amendments and providing a means for an individual to submit a proposed amendment to membership vote;

- Ballot Issue No. 6, allowing chapter delegates and proxy holders to vote on modification of annual dues, allowing the Board of Directors to remove or discipline a board member, allowing for the board to hold special

meetings by phone, allowing a director to waive the right to meeting notice, indemnifying directors for simple negligence in accordance with state laws and providing for dissolution of the Association and distribution of the assets in accordance with state and federal laws.

A ballot for reduction of Class C member dues to \$105, one-half of Class A and B dues, was also approved.



The Minnesota Valley threesome of Don Augdahl, left, Larry Mueller, center, and Mike Bohnenstingl on the right.

Minnesota Valley's Larry D. Mueller Named 1995-96 Environmental Steward Award Winner

Larry D. Mueller, of Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington, Minn., has been named a winner in the Environmental Steward Award competition. The award is sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Foundation, and golf industry leaders Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products, Rain Bird's Golf Division, Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc., and Lebanon Turf Products.

"With the high quality and significant number of entries, winning an Environmental Steward Award has become one of the top honors for a golf course superintendent," said Gary Grigg, GCSAA ex-officio.