

GCSAA Annual Election Results Announced

The election of officers, the addition of a new director and a revision in membership dues head the list of actions from the GCSAA Annual Meeting (Feb. 11), held in conjunction with the 68th International Golf Course Conference & Show, Feb. 6-12 in Las Vegas.

Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS at Moon Valley Country Club in Phoenix, Ariz., succeeds Bruce R. Williams, CGCS at Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill. (moves to The Los Angeles Country Club, April 1), as GCSAA president. Williams will serve a one-year term as immediate past president. George Renault III, CGCS at Burning Tree Club in Bethesda, Md., becomes vice president after serving last year as secretary/treasurer. Dave Fearis, CGCS at Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Mo., was elected secretary/treasurer. McGinnis and Renault ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation. Fearis defeated R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS at Valley View Golf Club in Bozeman, Mont. Woodhead, however, remains on the board with one year remaining in his two-year director term.

Gary T. Grigg, CGCS at Royal Poinciana Country Club in Naples, Fla., retires from the board after serving as immediate past president in 1996-97. Grigg's departure from the board (filled by Williams) opened a position for Samuel R. Snyder VII, CGCS at Hercules Country Club in Wilmington, Del., who defeated Jon D. Maddern, CGCS at Elk Ridge Golf Course in Gaylord, Mich. Michael Wallace, CGCS at Hop Meadow Country Club in Simsbury, Conn., and Tommy D. Witt, CGCS at Wynstone Golf Club in North Barrington, Ill., were re-elected as directors, while Ken

Mangum, CGCS at Atlanta (Ga.) Athletic Club has one year left on his two-year director term assumed last year.

Voters also overwhelmingly passed an increase in Class A, B and C dues by a nearly 4 to 1 margin (4,732 to 1,318; or 78 percent of the vote). Dues for Class A and B members will increase from \$210 to \$250, while Class C dues

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GCSAA in Las Vegas—

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• A GCSAA Media Room, an added feature to the 1997 conference, included news conferences with the Robert Trent Jones family, USGA President Judy Bell, and GCSAA's 1997 Old Tom Morris recipient Ben Crenshaw; the opportunity for exhibiting companies to conduct media conferences and release new product information; and a working area for more than 88 registered media.

"GCSAA works throughout the year to deliver quality educational programs and professional development opportunities to the GCSAA membership," said GCSAA President Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS. "With a record of more than 22,000 attending the 1997 show in Las Vegas, we're pleased with the results and look ahead to achieving new levels of excellence as we plan for 1998."

GCSAA's 69th International Golf Course Conference & Show is scheduled for Feb. 2-8, 1998 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, Calif.

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will be raised from \$105 to \$125.

Dues represented less than 18 percent of total association revenues in fiscal year 1996-97. The increase will raise that to 22%, matching the association average from 1985-95. The last dues increase was in 1990.

To keep the dues of other membership classifications in line with Class A, B and C dues, the board of directors established the following levels: Affiliate \$250, Retired \$70, Student \$55, Educator \$55 and Inactive \$30.

Three of four proposed bylaw amendments also were passed:

- Class AA-Life members were exempted from annual dues by a 99 percent vote (5,984 to 66). Class AA-Life members must have retired as superintendents or assistant superintendents and must have been GCSAA members for 25 years, of which a minimum of 20 were spent as superintendents. Previously, this group paid annual dues of \$15.96.

- The electorate was unanimous in approving a bylaw amendment allowing retiring members with 20 years of service in a membership classification to retire in that classification.

- Passing with 99 percent of the vote (5,998 to 52), was a technical change requiring all Class A and B members who join GCSAA after July 1, 1997, and reside in the United States (except Alaska) to be members of affiliate chapters and *maintain* membership in affiliated chapters thereafter.

- The bylaw amendment not approved was a proposal to create a voting classification for professional assistant superintendents (Class C-V). The issue failed to receive the required two-thirds vote as 49 percent voted to approve the new class.

Members of the 1996-97 election committee, which was charged with overseeing the election and its procedures: Randy Nichols, CGCS, chairman; Robert U. Alonzi, CGCS; Michael R. Bavier, CGCS; Alan G. Culver, CGCS; Robert M. Dillinger Jr., CGCS; Michael David Elrod; Sean A. Hoolehan, CGCS; Howard W. McDonald Jr., James J. Nicol, CGCS; and Robert Schoen.

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