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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Jim Nicol Encouraged To Run Again For GCSAA Board



This year was the first time in over 20 years that we had a candidate from Minnesota run for the Board of Directors of the GCSAA. I was very pleased that one of our members was willing to dedicate his time and effort to represent our Association and Superintendents in general at the national level. Jim Nicol conducted a great campaign, raising good issues and working diligently through Friday night and into Saturday morning. Unfortunately, there were six other candidates running for three offices — two candidates being incumbents. This made it even more difficult to win a seat on the Board. Despite the hard work by Jim Nicol and Jerry Murphy, and 42 out of 87 Chapters supporting Jim, he came within 700 votes of winning the election.

On behalf of our Association, I would like to thank Jim for his efforts in running for this national office and encourage him to consider running again.

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I would like to thank Steve Young and Dan Miller for arranging the hospitality room at the National Conference. We had a great turnout of 150 plus people who enjoyed the food and fellowship until the hotel closed the room. Steve said he is working on next year's party in New Orleans. We hope all of you will continue to attend.

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Each year as we attend the National Conference we wonder about what new technologies are in store for us. I am amazed at how many new products come on the market every year. This year I learned three methods to prevent bunker banks from eroding, saving golf courses considerable time and money by not having to push sand every time it rains. The Conference is a great education tool to learn more efficient methods in maintaining golf courses.

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Mike Klatt and his committee have begun planning this year's MTGF Conference. They have made some interesting changes for this December. If anyone knows of a good speaker for the program, please contact Mike. He is always open to new ideas.

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MGCSA President

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