

MGCSA BOARD UPDATE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 1999

By Michael Brower, MGCSA Secretary

New Business

Gary Gardner and Bob Mugaas of the University of Minnesota were on hand to explain the recent opening of a new position of Turfgrass Research/Extension Specialist at the U of M, and the potential impact that this position will have on our industry. They also presented handouts on the latest Environmental Horticulture Degree, and the budget for turfgrass research at the U of M. They were seeking input on how these programs should evolve and how they can best serve the MGCSA. Open discussion took place regarding the Horticulture program offered at the Twin Cities campus and the new Turfgrass degree program offered at the U of M Crookston.

Treasurer's Report

Rob Panuska explained the monthly P & L. Reported that MGCSA investment portfolio with Offerman was down slightly to \$163,490. Discussion on member dues statements and when they are collected. Scott Turtinen reported that 53 regular members and 19 affiliate members did not renew their memberships this year.

Arrangements

Turtinen reported that discussion between the MGCSA and Interlachen Country Club was underway as a possible site for the MGCSA Championship in 2000, and also Deacon's Lodge as a possible site for the Stodola Research Scramble in 2000.

Bylaws

Jim Nicol, CGCS, reported on possible candidates for Board and Officer positions for the upcoming year. Motion made to change the bylaws in Article III, Membership, Class B and C members, to read, in last sentence of each description, "and to hold office, subject to the provisions of Article VI, Section 1 hereof," to replace in last sentence of each description, "except that of holding office."

Membership

Eight new member applications and one reclassification reviewed and motion made to approve.

Public Relations

Paul Eckholm, CGCS, reviewed golf events calendar and the possibility of adding an additional event as a media day. Discussion about possible times to schedule this event, and benefits to MGCSA.

Scholarships

John Queensland reported that there was one new Legacy Scholarship awarded and one renewed, one new Garske Scholarship awarded and one renewed, and five Turfgrass Scholarships were awarded this year. Queensland also thanked his Committee members and those who participated in the 1999 Scholarship Scramble, which showed a profit of \$4,947.

Old Business

Discussion about membership dues, with a historical review of dues costs for MGCSA members and also a comparison with other membership dues for GCSAA Affiliate Chapters from around the country. Discussion about what these dues pay and how they affect the annual budget. Motion made to increase annual membership dues from \$80 to \$95 for the next fiscal year.

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Treasurer's Report

Dues revenue is almost to budget figures. Reviewed accountant's report. Rob Panuska is going to the U of M meeting for the new Turf position.

Communications

Aaron Smith sent a thank you letter for his scholarship.

Arrangements

A list of MGCSA meeting dates for 2000 was handed out.

Business Office

Last year's committee reports were handed out to committee chairs as samples to follow when submitting their 1999 reports. Twelve Service Awards will be issued this year. Public Relations information was sent to the sports directors in different areas of the state.

Conference and Education

Annual meeting will not have a reception night; this might hurt attendance. Discussion on how annual meeting and hospitality night would mesh.

Editorial

Shumansky announced that Mike Brower was the only member-generated article for the Watson Award for 1999. Motion to approve Brower as the Watson winner was passed.

Membership Report

New members and reclassifications were approved.

Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation

The Public Relations program was approved by the MTGF. A committee will be formed with representation from the MGCSA. Jim Nicol, CGCS, and Paul Eckholm, CGCS, will serve on the MTGF Public Relations Committee. Discussion on whom should be hired. Greg Crawford from Oregon was discussed.

Public Relations

The MGCSA Web Page is up. Tom Fischer will send a thank you letter to the MTGF for the PR program.

Research

Research donations will be the same as last year. Motion to approve the donations. The Research Trust Fund allows the MGCSA to use this money for any purpose.

Old Business

Discussion on the MTGF Resolution. Panuska would like to send this resolution to the U of M and the MTGF.

New Business

Nicol nominates Dr. Don White for Distinguished Service Award. Motion carries. Steve Shumansky nominates Leroy Young for Distinguished Service Award. Motion carries.