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From Your President's Desk

Fall is in the Air



As I sit down to write another note for this issue of *Hole Notes*, I am overwhelmed with a sense of urgency. The temperature today will be a high of 70 degrees with a stiff breeze. It feels like fall, thus my sense of urgency. It occurs to me that it is once again time to line up the compressor for the blow out, plan for the staff departure to school and get to work on the projects we have yet to complete. In other words it is time to recommit ourselves to the tasks at hand.

The Board has also recommitted itself to the tasks at hand. The annual meeting is just around the corner and final preparations are underway. This year's meeting should prove quite interesting. Along with the normal voting for candidates we will also be holding a special vote to determine the associations support of the PDI. We will use this vote to determine how our representatives will vote for the proposal. The percentage of yes and no votes cast at the MGCSA annual meeting will affect the percentage of yes and no votes cast at the GCSAA annual meeting. So plan on attending to let us know how you feel. In the next few weeks you should all be receiving the final form of the PDI for your review. There have been some significant changes so be sure to take a close look to see how this program from GCSAA will affect you.

We have also recommitted our support of the turf programs at the University of Minnesota. We have started to rebuild our relationships at the University to help foster a stronger support of our industry. From the University end there is a substantial amount of research being done by a number of individuals in the turf-grass fields. From our end we have redirected our research money back to the state and regional areas and away from the national programs. We are still supporting national programs, but we will be looking for some support back from them.

Along with our financial support we have offered other support to help with the programs throughout the state. Our vendor members have donated equipment or supplies to the turf programs and for that we, as an association, are very proud. The individuals on the research committee and others have donated their time to assist in the cover study done at Rolling Green, as well as donation of space by Rolling Green for the study to be conducted. If any individuals or clubs have anything they may be able to donate or lend, please contact a board member and we will point you in the right direction.

The stronger our turf program at the University becomes, the stronger we as an association become when the inevitable discussions start taking place at the legislature about limiting the tools we use to maintain our turfgrass.

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Congratulations to Fred Taylor, CGCS, Mankato Golf Club, for completing the requirements needed to become a Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

-- Respectfully,
Paul Eckholm, CGCS

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