

What's New?

We are often asked, "What's new?" At the Minnesota Green Expo a few things are new this year. The show will be in the new part of the convention center. Most things will be on a vertical plane instead of being spread out so much horizontally. I have heard that the rooms for the educational sessions are very nice.

Here is list of the speakers for the golf course superintendent to take in. Dr. Carrow is from Georgia and is an expert in soils. Dr. Carrow is also leading a day seminar on Tuesday on water management. The one and only Dr. Beard will be joining us. Dr. Clarke, a well-known pathologist from Rutgers will be on hand. Bob Vavrek from the USGA will be updating us on what is going on in our region.

A few new names to look for are Rehr, Kapoor, and Jung. Jay Rehr has been a mechanic at Augusta National, Tarun Kapoor comes with high recommendations in regards to personal management and Dr. Jung is from the University of Wisconsin and is very engaging.

More details can be found on the Internet by typing in www.minnesotagreenexpo.com You can click "golf" and all the sessions pertaining to our field pop up.

The other thing new this year is the time of the MGCSA Annual Business Meeting. It will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5 instead of 4:30 p.m. Please join us for the business affairs of your association. Hope to see you there.

-James Bade
Conference & Education Chair

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Highlights of the September 30 - October 2, 2005 Chapter Delegates Meeting include:

- 1) **Moving the Golf Industry Show** from Houston to Atlanta due to a conflict with the NBA All-Star game.
- 2) **Memberships are down** slightly. First renewal cycle of PDI is July 1, 2006.
- 3) **Staff turnover discussions.** Some had opportunities while others moved up. Accountability and performance is the basis for employment.
- 4) **Dues increase discussion.** Adjust every two years. Use this model or keep current 20% every five years.
- 5) **Board of Directors volunteers.** Discussed expenses, commitments, meetings, golf industry events, spouse travel, facility relationships and presidential honorarium of \$10,500.
- 6) **Open/Closed discussions.** Publishing vote at Board meetings. Concern of majority not who actually cast the vote. Not interested in personnel decisions.
- 7) **Diversity Task Groups.** We are expanding the diversity in this politically correct world.
- 8) **Chapter Affiliations.** New agreements take effect January 1, 2006. Amendments due by March 31, 2006.

- Respectfully submitted by
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