



World Class Conference

From Rhode Island to Oregon, from Wisconsin to Japan, expert speakers are coming to Minneapolis for the second annual Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation Conference and Show. Over thirty different authorities on turf and grounds care will present information on fifty varied topics ranging from business management to fungicide strategies for winter.

Key speakers include Francie Dalton of Dalton Alliance in Washington D.C.; Dr. Michael Coffman, author of "Saviors of the Earth," and former U.S. Congressman Tim Penny. Other notable speakers are Dr. Noel Jackson from the University of Rhode Island, a leading plant pathologist; Dr. Nick Christians from Iowa State University, noted for his work with natural weed control products; and the ever popular and dynamic Dr. Frank Rossi of the University of Wisconsin.

Minnesota is also well-represented on the speaker roster, with many outstanding faculty from the University, along with various entrepreneurs and golf course superintendents. U of M faculty featured this year are Dr. Bert Swanson of the Horticulture Department, Mike Zins of the Landscape Arboretum, extension coordinator Deb Brown and plant pathologist Dr. Ward Stienstra. The amazing Paul Mayes, formerly of Minnesota and now working in Japan, will be back to speak on construction in

Want Some Answers At The MGCSA's Annual Business Meeting On Friday, December 8?

How much revenue does the MGCSA take in annually? Where does the money come from? Where does it go.....and why? Whom do you want as your officers?

Who determines changes in the by-laws?

Who makes the decisions on our tournaments, our meeting locations, and can you be a part of that decision-making process?

You can get answers to all of these questions plus any more you might have at the MGCSA's 68th Annual Business Meeting to be held from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday, December 8, at our association's annual conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

As one of the 757 members of the MGCSA, you have the
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Asia and beyond.

With all of the different topics available, it may be difficult to decide which sessions to attend. For this reason, it is recommended that each superintendent bring as many of their staff as possible just to capture all the information. Remember that attendance at Wednesday's sessions will qualify you for pesticide license recertification.

The highlight of the conference for many people is the Trade Show. This year's edition will be the largest

and most comprehensive display ever, with nearly *twice* the number of booths as last year. The show will move into one of the huge domes this year, giving it the feel of a "Mini National." Hours of the trade show will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. both Wednesday and Thursday. Lunch will be available in the trade show both days, giving attendees the option of staying in the convention center.

For those who plan on staying in Minneapolis, the conference committee has chosen the Minneapolis Hilton as the headquarters hotel. The Hilton has agreed to a \$62 per night rate, which is a great bargain for a hotel of the Hilton's caliber. Guests will have privileges to the large health spa, including a swimming pool, a sauna, and a whirlpool.

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