

GCSAA Conference Highlights

As usual a large number of MAAGCS members attended the GCSAA International Conference and Show in New Orleans. The conference began with the Golf Championship in Mobile, Alabama. Several Association members competed in the annual event. MAAGCS winners were:

Steve Glossinger, 5th Gross, 1st Flight
 Glenn Smickley, 5th Net, 1st Flight
 Gordon Caldwell, 7th Gross, 4th Flight
 Nick Vance, 4th Gross, 5th Flight
 Mike Evans, 2nd Gross, 6th Flight
 Charlie Ulevich, 2nd Gross, 7th Flight
 Tom Tuttle, 7th Net, 7th Flight
 Charles Hall, 2nd Net, Super Sr Flight

The Association fielded five teams for the Chapter Team Competition. The team of Steve Cohoon, CGCS, Walter Montross, CGCS, George Renault, CGCS and Nick Vance, CGCS, finished eighth in the Net Division.

The highlight of the conference for the MAAGCS came in Wednesday night's opening session with the presentation of

the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award to MAAGCS member and Past President George Thompson, CGCS. George worked in the Mid-Atlantic for nineteen years at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD. George left the area in 1982 going to the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst where he remains today. He was MAAGCS President in 1972 and has maintained his membership since leaving the area.

Several Association members had speaking engagements. Walter Montross, CGCS, and Andrea Bakylar spoke during the Student Forum. Dean Graves addressed local government relations issues in the Government and Grass Roots Program. Merrill Frank, CGCS, gave a very informative talk during the Innovative Superintendent session, while Nick Vance, CGCS, chaired a lively Career Development Session where a retired federal labor expert and consultant surprised everyone in attendance discussing the legalities of the long hours we and our staff work.

During this year's Certification Luncheon Lee Dieter, Merrill Frank, Sam Kessel and George Thompson were honored for maintaining twenty-five years or more of certification. Richard Fisher was recognized in the twenty to twenty-four year category of maintaining his certification. The following members were recognized for having been certified at least fifteen years: Bill Emerson, Ray Evans, Steve Glossinger, Ron Hall, Mike Larsen, Tom List, Walter Montross, and George Renault.

The conference is so large it is nice to have events where members can gather in one place. The University of MD had their first alumni reception Thursday night. Later that evening, a reception was held at the Radisson Hotel hosted by MAAGCS and ESAGCS in cooperation with Nutramax.

The Conference concluded with the Annual Election of Officers and Board of Directors. During the conference Mr. Samuel R. Snyder VII, resigned from the Board of Directors of GCSAA. Mr. Snyder was on the ballot to run for the office of Secretary/Treasurer against Mr. Michael Wallace, CGCS. Mr. Jon D. Maddern, CGCS, who was slated to run for a second term as director, was then nominated from the floor to run against Mr. Wallace. The following officers were elected for the year 2000:

President - R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS
 V. President - Tommy D. Witt, CGCS
 Sec/Treasurer - Michael Wallace, CGCS

The membership would decide between four candidates for the two positions to be filled for directors. The candidates were Jon D. Maddern, CGCS, Ken Mangum, CGCS, James J. Nicol, CGCS and Timothy T. O'Neill, CGCS. Mr. Ricky Heine, CGCS was nominated from the floor. Mr. Maddern and Mr. Mangum were elected to fill the two-year terms. Mr. O'Neill was appointed by President Woodhead to fill the one-year position left by Mr. Snyder's resignation. Mr. Woodhead appoint Mr. Robert Maibusch, CGCS to fill the one-year position remaining on Mr. Wallace's term.

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