

of the editorial contents of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, official organ, was placed in the hands of the president instead of an editorial council as previously provided.

Considerable interest was displayed in bringing the local associations of greenkeepers closer to the parent body and a motion prevailed recommending to such local associations that they include the \$10.00 annual dues of the National Association in their local dues to greenkeepers thereby making every local association member automatically a member of the National.

The opinion was unanimous that the date of the annual meeting should be advanced to the first week in

March, as a number of greenkeepers reported that early spring work interfered with their attendance. It is probable too that the 1928 meeting will be scheduled for some point further east than Chicago following the generally discussed plan of holding the annual meeting and convention in different parts of the country from year to year.

On the following pages is printed the official minutes of the meetings in Chicago together with a revised draft of the by-laws as adopted permanently. Read them carefully as this is the only issue of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER in which they will appear.

## *Minutes of the* EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

On Friday afternoon, March 25, 1927, a meeting of the Executive committee of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was held in a private room at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, convening at 2:30 P. M.

John Morley, president, called the meeting to order. Members of the Executive committee present were as follows:

John Morley, Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown, Ohio; John McNamara, Pittsburgh Field Club, Pittsburgh, Penna.; James Muirden, Ridgewood Golf Club, Cincinnati, Ohio; Hugh Luke, Garden City Golf Club, Long Island, N. Y.; Alex McPherson, Detroit Golf Club, Detroit, Michigan; W. J. Rockefeller, Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio; Fred Burkhardt, Westwood Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio; John Pressler, Allegheny Country Club, Pittsburgh, Penna.

This meeting was called by President John Morley for the purpose of reviewing the work of the Association from every angle and to recommend such changes and amendments as experiences proved to be necessary for the good of the cause. Mr. Morley also asked assistance in appointing suitable committees to work out important problems for presentation to the membership at the annual meeting on Saturday, March 26, 1927.

It was decided to appoint the following special committees:

By-Laws and Constitution, Membership, Appeals and Grievances, Finance, Consulting Editorial, Permanent Organization.

Mr. Morley explained at length to the assembled group the necessity of appointing carefully selected association members to act as chairmen of these committees.

After a great deal of deliberation, which occupied nearly three hours, the following appointments as chairmen were made:

Fred Burkhardt, chairman, Committee on By-Laws and Constitution.

Alex McPherson, chairman, Committee on Membership.

James Muirden, chairman, Committee Appeals and Grievances.

Christopher Bain, chairman, Committee Finance.

John McGregor, chairman, Committee Consulting Editorial.

Bert Sheldin, chairman, Committee Permanent Organization.

A discussion of the originally written by-laws of the association occupied considerable time during the course of the meeting, and suggestions were made by all members of the Executive committee relating to changes and amendments which seemed necessary to make in order that the association may function to the satisfaction of all members and local organizations of greenkeepers.

Mr. Morley asked the newly appointed chairmen to appoint and convene with their committees and submit their decisions to the membership at the annual meeting the following morning. He impressed upon each member the great responsibility that rested on his shoulders, in presenting a clear and concise report to the association members at the annual meeting.

Mr. Bain, appointed as chairman of the Finance committee was not present, but the secretary of the association, W. J. Rockefeller, assured the Executive committee members that Mr. Bain had offered to do anything he could to assist the officers and the organization as a whole. Mr. Bain's appointment as chairman of the Finance committee was made because he had long banking experience before taking up greenkeeping as a profession.

Mr. Morley then charged the newly appointed chairmen to select their committees from lists of active association members, each committee to represent as wide an area as possible.

There being no further business in order, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P. M., in good time for the Executive committee members to attend an informal meeting of greenkeepers scheduled for 7:30 P. M. in a specially reserved room at the Hotel Sherman.

Signed

John Morley, President,  
W. J. Rockefeller, Secretary.

## *Minutes of the* FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

THE first annual meeting of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was held in the Bal Tabarin Room of the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, on Saturday, March 26.

John Morley, president of the Association, opened the

first session at 10 A. M., and after greeting the members, read his annual address, a copy of which is attached. This address was received with enthusiasm, and ordered placed in the records of the meeting.

Mr. Morley then appointed John McNamara, first



vice-president, as acting chairman. Mr. McNamara turned the chair over to John MacGregor, Executive committee member and president of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association as a compliment to Mr. MacGregor in his local position and because of his untiring efforts in the Chicago district on behalf of the National Association.

Mr. MacGregor immediately called for a motion to make the National Association a permanent organization. Joe P. Mayo of Pebble Beach, California, made the motion, which was seconded by Edward W. Dearie, of Chicago, and passed by acclamation.

Mr. MacGregor then read the minutes of the organization meeting which was held in Toledo Ohio on September 13, 1926, after which he read the minutes of the first Executive committee meeting which was held in Cleveland, on February 5. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of these two meetings be approved as read.

Mr. MacGregor introduced Spearman Lewis, manager of the International Golf Show, who in a short talk welcomed the greenkeepers of America to the show, and announced that the next International Golf Show would be held the week of March 12-17, 1928. Mr. Lewis invited the Association to hold their next annual meeting in conjunction with the Golf Show.

Mr. MacGregor then read a telegram from Captain David L. Rees, newly elected president of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers Association, as follows:

"Best wishes for an enthusiastic and successful session."

It was then duly moved and seconded that a suitable reply should be telegraphed Mr. Rees, and the assistant secretary was so instructed.

It was moved by E. W. Dearie, Chicago that the meeting be adjourned for luncheon, to again convene at 1:30 P. M., duly seconded and carried.

The second session of the annual meeting was opened by Mr. MacGregor at 1:30 P. M., and reports called for from the chairmen of the following committees which were appointed by the Executive committee at a special meeting held at 2:30 P. M. on Friday, March 25.

*Committee on By-Laws and Constitution*—Fred Burkhardt, Cleveland, O.; Chester Mendenhall, Wichita, Kansas; Jack Welsh, Des Moines, Iowa; E. J. Corlett, Cleveland; W. Elphick, Detroit, Mich.

*Committee on Membership*—Alex McPherson, Detroit, Mich.; John Pressler, Pittsburgh, Penna.; Hugh Luke, Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.; C. Bretzlaff, Indianapolis, Ind.; F. Krueger, Matteson, Ill.

*Committee on Appeals and Grievances*—James Muir, Cincinnati, Ohio; Charles L. Ream, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Joe P. Mayo, Pebble Beach, California.

*Committee on Finance*—Christopher Bain, Cleveland, O.; W. J. Rockefeller, Toledo, O.; Gustave Hansen, Greenville, Mich.

*Committee on Consulting Editorial*—John MacGregor, Chicago, Illinois; John McNamara, Pittsburgh, Penna.; Anthony G. Wagner, Rock Island, Illinois.

*Committee on Permanent Organization*—B. G. Sheldon, Cleveland, O.; Robert Henderson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ford Goodrich, Flint, Michigan; Al Schardt, Hamburg, New York; George Wellin, New Britain, Conn.

Fred Burkhardt, chairman of the By-Laws committee was first called upon, and read the proposed changes and amendments in the originally written by-laws, as submitted by his committee. These amendments are attached, it being ordered that they become a part of these minutes. It was moved by E. E. Snyder of Canton, Ohio, and seconded by John Pressler of Pittsburgh, that these amendments be approved as read, and so carried. (Note: A complete draft of the by-laws as amended appears in this issue)

### THREE OF THE NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS



**JOHN PRESSLER**  
Allegheny Country Club  
Pittsburgh



**JAS. MUIR**  
Ridgewood Golf  
Club, Cincinnati



**ROBERT HENDERSON**  
Country Club of Buffalo  
Buffalo, N. Y.





Photograph of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents, taken at their February 14th meeting. Fifth man from left in front row is Louis Evans, of the Cedarbrook Country Club, president of the association. Seventh from left in front row is Joseph Valentine, Vice-President of the N. A. G. A.

Alex McPherson, chairman of the Membership committee was next called upon. He submitted to the members the requirements for eligibility to membership in the National Association, as worked out by his committee, namely that greenkeepers and assistant greenkeepers of three years' experience or more are eligible, as are also men holding the combined position of professional and greenkeeper who have had five years' experience or more, all acceptances to membership being subject to investigation by the Membership committee. It was moved by W. J. Rockefeller of Toledo, and seconded by A. E. Lundstrom of Chicago, that these findings of the Membership committee be approved as read, and so carried.

James Muir, chairman of the Appeals and Grievances committee, submitted a report to the effect that he had heard no complaints whatever, but as soon as any were received from any member or group of members, such complaints would be given the careful attention of his committee. It was moved by E. E. Snyder and seconded by M. M. Parsons of Wooster, O., that this report be accepted, and carried by acclamation.

Christopher Bain, chairman of the Finance committee, was unable to be present. His report was read by W. J. Rockefeller, secretary of the Association, in whose hands Mr. Bain had left his report. The report read by Mr. Rockefeller showed that the Association was in sound financial condition, and this report is attached, it being ordered to include the financial statement in these minutes. It was moved by E. J. Corlett of Cleveland and seconded by C. G. Barton of Toledo that this report be approved as written, and so carried.

Bert Sheldin, chairman of the Permanent Organization committee submitted his report, explaining that the members of his committee had been in session for a long

time in selecting from the membership a list of officers to nominate at this annual meeting to serve during 1927. Mr. Sheldin submitted for nomination the following list:

President, John Morley, Youngstown; 1st vice president, John McNamara, Pittsburg; 2nd vice president, John MacGregor, Chicago; 3rd vice president, Fred Burkhardt, Cleveland; 4th vice president, H. Hawkins, Ontario, Canada; 5th vice president, Joseph Valentine, Philadelphia; 6th vice president, Charles Erickson, Minneapolis; 7th vice president, John Pressler, Pittsburgh; 8th vice president, James Muir, Cincinnati; 9th vice president, Capt. David L. Rees, New York; 10th vice president, J. O. Campbell, Kansas City; 11th vice president, Joe P. Mayo, Pebble Beach, California; 12th vice president, Robert Henderson, Buffalo; 13th vice president, B. G. Sheldin, Cleveland; 14th vice president, Ford Goodrich, Flint, Michigan; 15th vice president, Al. Schardt, Buffalo; 16th vice president, George Wellin, Hartford, Conn; secretary, W. J. Rockefeller, Toledo; treasurer, Alex McPherson, Detroit.

It was moved by A. E. Lundstrom of Chicago, and seconded by Jacob Schnapp of Toledo that the above list of officers be elected to serve for the year 1927 and until the annual meeting in the spring of 1928, and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballots for all the members present for the officers named. The motion was carried by acclamation; whereupon the chairman declared them duly elected.

The next committee to be called was the Consulting Editorial, John MacGregor, chairman who asked his first committee member, Anthony G. Wagner, of Rock Island, Illinois, to submit the report. Mr. Wagner reported that the recommendation of the committee was to place all responsibility as to the text of editorial ar-

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ticles on the shoulders of the president, Mr. John Morley, all complaints and suggestions to be mailed by association members to Mr. Morley for his personal attention. It was duly moved and seconded that this report be adopted as read, and so carried.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded the committee on Appeals and Grievances of which James Muir den of Cincinnati is chairman, was retained as a standing committee for the ensuing year.

Upon a motion made by John Morley, president, and seconded by Wilhelm Peter, of St. Joseph, Missouri, a rising vote of thanks was given the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association for their whole-hearted support from the time the National Association was organized, and for the great courtesies accorded the members of the National Association during the week of the golf show and annual meeting.

Mr. MacGregor then introduced Mrs. G. A. Farley,

assistant secretary and treasurer of the National Association and editor of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, official organ of the Association, to give an informal talk on the work conducted in the headquarters office of the Association. Mrs. Farley's remarks were received with offers of unlimited support from members from all parts of the country. During the course of her talk, Mrs. Farley asked for editorial contributions to the magazine, and practically every hand was raised in response to the call for articles written by practical greenkeepers to be published for the benefit of all members of the Association.

Unusual enthusiasm was shown by all present during the meeting, and many rose and expressed their pleasure in belonging to an organization which has been long needed. In turn the newly elected officers came to their feet and promised the assembly that all efforts possible would be made in their respective districts to interest other greenkeepers in becoming members and receiving the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER regularly every month.

Mr. Morley suggested that minutes of the meetings of all local associations be mailed to him, so that items of interest may be published in the official magazine each month. One member, Mr. John Fife of Duluth, Minnesota, immediately rose and expressed the wish that the magazine grow to the size of the Chicago telephone directory.

It was then moved by Anthony G. Wagner that a recommendation be made to greenkeepers urging them to work in co-operation with the parent body, and establish a policy of including with local membership dues, the regular yearly dues in the National Association, namely \$10, thus making every local association member automatically a member of the National. The president of the local association to mail such memberships together with check to the National Association office at 407 Caxton Building, Cleveland. This motion was seconded by A. E. Lundstrom and so carried.

Mr. Morley then addressed the meeting, and asked for the confidence and support of all members. Mr. Morley said in part:

"I pledge my word never to betray your trust. I fully realize the very great amount of work entailed by my position, and I shall endeavor to so discharge my duties as president that when we hold our next annual meeting all of the United States and Canada will be fully represented. I wish to thank all of the members present for the wonderful understanding and appreciation you have expressed here at this meeting, and with your continued support, I know we will accomplish the objects of this association in a way which will command the respect of the entire golf world."

There being no further business in order, the meeting was adjourned.

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