

UPDATE

ABA defers membership ruling

After a five month nationwide campaign by the National Club Association to protect the private social rights of judges, the American Bar Association House of Delegates has deferred action on a resolution that would make it "inappropriate" for judges to belong to private organizations with alleged selective membership policies.

Resolution 119, sponsored by the ABA Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, seeks to amend the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct. Judges would be banned from maintaining memberships in private, social, civic, service, fraternal and sororal groups which practice "invidious discrimination." According to the Committee report, these memberships "may give rise to the perceptions by minorities, women and others, that the judge's impartiality is impaired." The term invidious discrimination proved to be a trouble spot. It was never clearly defined within the resolution.

In the end, the ABA Delegates agreed to defer consideration of the resolution until its next meeting in Feb. 1984.

McLoughlin settles prior to trial

James McLoughlin, recently resigned executive director of the Golf Course Superintendents of America, will not have to face a jury for alleged gambling violations due to an arrangement his lawyer worked out with the judge in Lawrence, KS, in August.

McLoughlin said earlier he would fight the charges against him, but chose instead to accept good behavior conditions which could prevent charges being recorded. A trial would have required testimony from many GCSAA staffers and board members, a great inconvenience. The arrangement sets a period of time for "good behavior" with the result of charges being dropped. Since McLoughlin lives in New York, and both McLoughlin and the association would like to put this situation behind them, the judge agreed to the special arrangement.

McLoughlin tendered his resignation the end of May, citing the Association's two-year delay in relocation and the need to be closer to his family in New York, as reasons for leaving. McLoughlin's directorship had always been riddled with controversy. The press for relocation, alleged gambling violations and financial condition of the GCSAA weighed heavily in the Executive Committee's decision to accept McLoughlin's resignation. John Schilling, formerly in charge of marketing for the annual conference and Golf Course Management magazine, has been named associate executive director. The Executive Committee is studying requirements for the top post.

Cheeseman leaves turf for teeth

Jerry Cheeseman, the driving force of the Lake City Community College, FL, School of Golf Course Operations, will leave the teaching ranks to enter the student ranks at the University of Florida school of dentistry.

Cheeseman was also director for the Lake City Community College School of Landscape Design and Sales. Cheeseman was very active in state and national golf organizations and was responsible for making the small community college a sought-after school by students from across the country.

NURSERY**AAN says goodbye to 230 Southern Bldg.**

After 45 years in the same location, the headquarters of the American Association of Nurserymen has moved. Its new address, effective Aug. 22, is 1250 Eye St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. (202) 789-2900.

"With the uncertainty of the future of the old building we were in and with the tremendous incentives we received from the owners of the new building, we decided the time to move was right," said AAN Associate Manager Larry Scovotto.

The Association had been considering building its own headquarters for the past year-and-a-half, but the economy and prohibitive cost of building in the Washington, D.C. area curtailed those plans. Incentives at the new building included seven months free rent and \$70,000 in improvements, suited to the needs of the AAN.

TREES**NAA picks Las Vegas for February meeting**

The National Arborist Association will have its 47th Annual Meeting at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas Feb. 12-17.

Although the entire agenda of the meeting has not been finalized, it will focus on management. Las Vegas was selected in keeping with the Association's policy of moving the Annual Meeting from East to West on alternate years.

SOD**Pacific Sod likes its old name best**

Pacific Green/Nunes and Pacific Green has returned to using its original name, Pacific Sod, and has completed an internal reorganization, according to Richard Rogers, president.

Pacific Sod, founded under that name 15 years ago, is one of the West's largest commercial sod growers.

"The reorganization allows us to position ourselves in order to quickly expand our operations to meet anticipated increased demands for the balance of 1983 and 1984," said Rogers.

Rogers said the decision to resume
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