



Bob Peterson (right) and Eliot Roberts talk over current affairs during a board session of The Lawn Institute. Peterson is 1987-88 president and Roberts executive director.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Lawn Institute chooses 1987-88 officers, directors

Bob Peterson of R.J. Peterson Enterprises, Hillsboro, Ore., will be president of The Better Lawn and Turf Institute during 1987-88. Peterson was chosen during the institute's annual meeting in conjunction with the 104th American Seed Trade Association convention in Boston.

Also chosen for seats on the board of directors were Howard Schuler of Northrup King, Doyle Jacklin of Jacklin Seed, Harry Stalford of International Seeds, Bob Russell of J&L Adikes and Norman Rothwell of Rothwell Seeds.

During the meeting, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Robert Schery, Ph.D., a former executive director of the Lawn Institute, who passed away late last year.

Current executive director Eliot Roberts, Ph.D., also announced:

- the institute will increase press kit mailings from two to four per year;
- the institute will not include wildflowers in its Variety Review Board cultivars;
- a more assertive posture on the benefits of turfgrasses will be presented during 1987-88; and
- it remains undecided whether the Lawn Institute will begin granting

funds for scholarships.

At the annual meeting, considerable discussion took place on whether to begin research on permanent weed tolerances in seed, as Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia are three states that require noxious weed label tolerances.

Later in the proceedings, C. Reed Funk, Ph.D., told attendees that another National Turf-Type Tall Fescue Test is being seeded this fall.

Next year's ASTA Lawn Division meeting is in Seattle, Wash.

PESTICIDES

Cadmium okay for greens, tees

The only exception to an order banning cadmium allows use of cadmium fungicides on golf course greens and tees under certain circumstances. The use of cadmium in the environment was prohibited under a federal regulation announced Aug. 10 by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Specifically, cadmium use will be allowed on greens and tees only with a "mini-boom" sprayer, and applicators must wear protective clothing during mixing, loading and application of the product.

Homeowners, turfgrass managers

INDUSTRY

Rhone-Poulenc reorganizes Chipco

The Chipco/Specialty Products Group of Rhone-Poulenc has completed a reorganization of its sales, marketing and product development staff. The move was made to increase the group's presence in the turf, landscape and ornamental markets. The reorganization is a result of the company's acquisition of Union Carbide Agricultural Products last year.

The acquisition added Sevin SL carbaryl insecticide, Temik 10G aldicarb pesticide, Florel plant growth regulator, Weedone DPC and DPC Amine and Rootone rooting hormone to the Chipco/Specialty Products Line.

Dan Stahl, business manager for Chipco Specialty Products will now be responsible for these products. He previously served in that capacity for Chipco's 26019 and Aliette fungicides, Ronstar and Turfkleen herbicides, Mocap insecticide and Microgreen nutrient additive.

Within product development, P. Chris Kleyla was named product development manager. Elizabeth A. Brown, Tom C. Davidson and Tom E. Vrabel join the product development staff as program coordinators.

John W. Durfee and Andrew M. Seckinger have been named product managers.

Dick Lehman, director of sales-specialty for Rhone-Poulenc, says the new alignment will facilitate future expansion. "The addition of several former Union Carbide products to the Chipco product line promises to increase the utility of the line to turf, landscape and ornamental managers," he says.

and other users of cadmium fungicides will be forced to seek alternative materials. Neither is cadmium use on fairways and other golf course areas allowed.

The decision to exempt golf course greens and tees was made in part because of information received at the EPA through the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Government Relations Program. In May, members of the EPA review team were given a demonstration of the "mini-boom" sprayer at the Congressional C.C. in Bethesda, Md.