



# Turf Times

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## *President's Message*

The opportunity is here to thank Bob Aube and his staff at Alpena Golf Club for hosting the NMTMA July meeting. These meetings always provide us with some educational format, whether it is the guest speaker or the experiences we share with other members. Even though it is mid-summer, I hope we all take advantage of these meetings. Outside the educational opportunities, these meetings provide a welcome relief from the everyday golf course worries. It is always a worthwhile endeavor to see what and how other superintendents are doing things. Besides, it gives your right hand person the opportunity to show what they can do in your absence.

Our 25th Anniversary is being celebrated on the 13th of August, at the Rose in Leroy. This is something to be proud of, especially if you're a charter or long time member. The fellowship with the NMTMA and the insight that these people have provided has given this organization great strength and cohesiveness.

It's not too early to be thinking about our annual meeting. If you have an inclination to run for the Board of Directors, please let me know. Working on the NMTMA board has always been a great pleasure and rewarding experience. This allows anyone exposure to the industry as a whole. It can be an eye opener if you've never had the opportunity.

On a personal note, Bruce Wolfrom, CGCS and Golf Course Manager at Treetops for the past six plus years just recently left. Bruce is now at his own course, White Pine National, Spruce, MI full time. His foresight, inspiration and leadership will be missed here at Treetops. I wish you well Bruce, thanks for the education and experience.

Mark R. Wildeman, C.G.C.S.

## **Bylaws Change**

Tuesday, October 8th will be another important day for NMTMA. It is our annual meeting, and will entail a report of your association activities, finances, and two important items: the election of Directors and a vote on Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws changes to meet the affiliation agreement with GCSAA. At this

time we do not have a list of candidates for Director from Nominating Committee Chairman Brian Conklin. If you have ever thought about furthering your profession and want to get involved, contact Brian or any board member. There will be at least two open seats for superintendents and one for vendors.

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What I wish to address is the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws changes. This will serve as your copy for review and to meet the requirements of notification of a vote to change these and what the changes are. I ask you to review these changes from current wording published in the 1996 Directory.

The amendments to the Articles of Incorporation are as follows: (this is how they would read if approved)

#### ARTICLE IV

"The organization will be governed by a Board of Directors that shall consist of eleven (11) member elected at large of which six (6) shall be class A or B

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**Do you have an address change, or do you need some information on NMTMA, or do you need to call in your reservation for a meeting?**

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members of GCSAA. Three new board members will be elected each year and serve a term of three years.

One new board member will be elected each year having a Class "G" membership and serve a term of two years. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer who are Class A or B members of GCSAA. These officers shall be elected by secret ballot after the annual meeting of the Association by the Board of Directors and shall serve for a period of one calendar year or until their successors be elected and qualified. In the event of a vacancy on the board by virtue of resignation, sickness, etc. the President will appoint by the majority of the Board present. These officers and Board shall have the power to transact the business of this Association."

#### ARTICLE V

*(add an additional sentence)*

"The Board of Directors shall be the sole judge of an applicant's qualification for membership. Each applicant for Class A and B membership must present to the Board of Directors an application for membership or evidence of membership with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America."

### **BYLAWS CHANGES**

#### SECTION V

Membership Class's B and C would have to be amended as follows:

"Class B: Superintendent at time of application for membership with less than three years experience as a Golf Course Superintendent and currently be employed in such capacity. Class B members shall have all the rights and privileges of the Association, except that of holding office.

Class C: Assistant Superintendents at time of application for membership, be currently employed as an assistant to a Golf Course Superintendent. A Class C member shall have all the rights and privileges of the Association, except that such member may not vote

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Please indicate the number of advertisements you wish to reserve in the spaces provided for each publication.

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## TURF TIMES MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

each quarter page ad 3 5/8 X 5

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or hold office.”

Current Class C Inactive would become Class “I,” and the definition stays the same.

## SECTION VII

This would be a new bylaw to protect the Association, Board and committee members from individual liability for simple negligence. Although Michigan does not have a specific statute granting such immunity, this should be in our bylaws to afford the Officers and Directors protection from individual liability to the extent permissible under Law. We voted on a similar wording for the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation about four years ago. Therefore, SECTION VII would read as follows:

“The Association shall indemnify any and all persons who may serve or have served at any time as officers or directors and their respective heirs, paid administrators, successors and assigns, against any and all expenses, including amounts paid upon judgements, counsel fees and amounts paid in settlement (before or after suit commenced), actually necessarily incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement or any claim, action, suit or proceeding in which they, or any of them are made parties, or a party, or which may be asserted against them or any of them, by reason of being, or having been, an officer or director, of this Association, except in relation to matters as to which any such officer or director, or former officer or director, shall be adjudged in any action, suit or proceeding to be liable for those acts and omissions arising out of his or her willful misfeasance. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled including such immunities under any law, bylaw agreement, or otherwise.”

This new bylaw is to handle, formally, how if needed or by a vote of the members the assets of the association would be handled if dissolution were done. This is for the members protection as well as the association in whole. Therefore, SECTION VIII would

be as follows:

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“In the event of the dissolution of Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association, after all liabilities and responsibilities have been met, its assets shall be distributed in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code concerning its exempt status or in accordance with State Law. The decision of distribution shall be made by the Board of Directors.”

This concludes the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Again this will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on October 8th at Boyne Highlands Resort. □

Jon Maddern  
GCSAA Liason

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## 1996 Tentative Meeting Schedule

July 16th	Alpena Golf Club, Alpena
August 13th	25th Anniversary of NMTMA, The Rose Golf Club, Leroy
September 18th	NMTMA Fundraiser, Treetops Rick Smith, "Signature," Gaylord
October 8th	NMTMA Annual Meeting & Tuck Tate Championship, Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs, MI

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Jon Maddern, C.G.C.S. - *Treasurer*  
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