



BY-LAWS OF THE CNYGCSAA

Article I- Name-Object

- Section 1- The name of this organization shall be the CENTRAL NEW YORK GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION.
- Section 2- Object
- A- To develop a greater interest in golf course work and thereby create better opportunities for those engaged in our profession.
 - B- To uplift the profession by endeavoring to better conditions within.
 - C- To cement into closer relationship all members in the profession of turfgrass management.
 - D- To further the knowledge of its members in all phases of turfgrass management.
 - E- To collect and disseminate practical knowledge of the problems of turfgrass managers to its members.
 - F- To bring about a more efficient and economical maintenance of golf course and other large turf areas.
 - G- To give the best possible turf within the individuals facilities budget.
 - H- To add dignity and prestige to the members of good standing in their profession and their community.

Article II- Membership

Section 1 Classes

- Class AA LIFE MEMBER To qualify for a life membership, one must have been a regular or charter member for at least 25 years, or a former member of the Executive Committee, and must have retired from active service as a golf course superintendent. A life member shall have all the rights and privileges of the association and shall be exempt from paying dues.
- Class A To qualify as a Class A member one must, at the time of application have at least 3 years experience as a golf course superintendent, and be employed in such capacity, be a member of the GCSAA and comply with all additional qualifications required by GCSAA. A Class member shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the association.
- Class A-g To qualify as a Class A-g member one must be employed as a golf course superintendent and have been a Class A member previous to Chapter Affiliation with GCSAA July 1, 1997. A Class A-g (grandfathered) member shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the association.
- Class Superintendent Member – SM- To qualify as a Superintendent Member one must, at the time of application, be employed as a golf course superintendent, but not meet the additional requirements for Class A membership. A Superintendent Member must be a member of GCSAA and shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the association.
- Class C Assistant Golf Course Superintendent To qualify for Class C membership an applicant shall, at the time of application be employed as an assistant golf course superintendent and be a member of GCSAA. A Class C member shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the association except holding office.

Class A-r Retired To qualify as a Class A-r member one must have been a former Class A, Class SM, Class A-g or Class C member, reached the age of 60 and no longer be seeking employment in the field of golf course maintenance. A Class A-r member shall have all the rights and privileges of the association except holding office and shall be exempt from paying dues.

Class Affiliate Member-F- To qualify as an Affiliate Member an applicant must be an individual employed by a firm interested in golf course management or in the production of fine turfgrass. An Affiliate Member shall enjoy all the privileges of the association with the exception of hold office.

Class Associate Member-D- To qualify as an Associate Member an applicant must be employed by a golf course and not qualify for membership under any of the above classifications. Associate members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the association except voting and holding office.

Class Student Member-S- To qualify as a Student Member an individual must be enrolled in an approved turfgrass management program of study on a full time basis. Class Student members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the association except voting and holding office and shall be exempt from paying dues.

Class Educator-E- To qualify for Class E membership, an applicant must be an educator or extension officer in the turfgrass/agronomy field. Class E members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the association except voting and holding office and shall be exempt from paying dues.

Section 2- Dues Structure

- 1- Rate of dues to be established by recommendation of Executive Committee and approval by membership at the annual meeting.
- 2- Dues for Class A, A-g, SM, C, F and D shall be paid by March 1. Other membership classes are exempt from paying dues.
- 3- There shall be no dues for class AA, A-r, S and E.
- 4- Organizational membership of \$100 up to 6 members.
- 5- The association calendar year shall run from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 3- Suspension and Expulsion

- 1- Suspension from membership for delinquency in payment of dues shall be automatic after 30 days written notice to the member by the treasurer following the March meeting. Reinstatement will be made only upon full payment of back dues plus a \$5 penalty.
- 2- Expulsion from membership must be by at least a two-thirds vote of the general membership for causes detrimental to the association.

Article III

Assessments:

Assessments may be made by the Executive Committee. The total of such assessments shall not exceed the total amount of one year's dues.

Article IV

Membership:

A. Application

1. Shall be made to the Membership Committee on forms furnished by the association.
2. Application forms shall show such information as the Executive Committee considers necessary to judge the qualifications of the applicants.

Article V

Executive Breakdown:

- A. Executive Committee
Shall be made up of the Board of Directors, Officers, and President Emeritus. (9 members)
- B. Board of Directors
The Board shall consist of four members. Each of them will be elected. Two shall be elected each year for a term of two years.
- C. The Officers
 1. President (two year term)
 2. Vice-President (two year term)
 3. Secretary (two year term)
 4. Treasurer (two year term)

These officers shall be elected by a majority of voting members in good standing at the annual meeting and signed returned voting cards. Cards are to be sent to the chairman of the Nomination Committee. Card must be received 5 days prior to the meeting, by those members unable to attend the annual meeting. Space will be provided for write-in candidates. If card is not returned before the deadline, you will have no vote.

Article VI

Duties:

- A. President
 1. The President shall during recess of the Board of Directors have general charge and supervision of the affairs of the association.
 2. He shall preside at all meeting of the board and the association.
 3. He shall appoint all committee chairman and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- B. Vice-President
 1. In case of the inability to act or absence of the President, the Vice-President shall during such disability or absence perform all the functions of the President.
- C. Secretary
 1. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all executive, board and association meetings.
 2. He shall be custodian of all association records.
 3. He shall perform such other duties as normally performed by a secretary.
- D. Treasurer
 1. He shall be responsible for any accounts, such as banking or checking of the association.
- E. Executive Committee
 1. The Executive Committee shall have general charge and management of the affairs of the association.
 2. The committee shall meet at least twice per year, more often if necessary.
 3. The committee shall make a full report to the membership at each annual meeting.
 4. The committee shall also conduct a yearly audit and submit a report at the annual meeting.
- F. Committees
 1. Committees shall be formed when needed at the discretion of the President for special projects and needs.
 - a. Nominating and Election Committee
 - shall present a slate of nominees for election at each annual meeting, at least one meeting prior to the annual meeting.
 - shall have charge of the elections at the annual meeting.
 - b. Membership Committee
 - shall recommend to the Executive Committee action to be taken on all applications for membership.
 - c. Program Committee
 - shall arrange for programs of the associations meetings including meeting places, speakers, dinners, tournaments.

- d. Trouble Shooting Committee
 - shall have the duty to visit, advise and help in any way possible, any member requesting such help.
 - in no case is the committee to act without the direct request of, or in the absence of, the member involved.
- e. Special Committees
 - nothing in this constitution shall prevent the appointment by the President, special committees at any time.

Article VII

Meetings:

A. Quorum

1. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members present at a meeting.

The total present not to be less than 15 voting members.

B. A simple majority of members present is necessary to pass legislation.

a. Annual Meetings

1. An annual meeting shall be held at the December meeting.
2. The association calendar year shall run from January 1st to December 31st.

b. Regular Meetings

1. Shall be held 7 to 10 times per year, as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee on the first Monday or Tuesday of the month.
2. Meetings may be changed for special reasons at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

c. Special Meetings

1. Special meetings may be called by the President at any time.

d. Rules

1. Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed at all Annual, Regular, Special, Board or Executive meetings.

Article VIII

Amendments to By-Laws

A. Amendments shall require thirty (30) days written notice, mailed to members.

B. Adoption of amendments shall be only by a majority affirmative vote of the membership.