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Superintendents across Ontario are enjoying a little down time after a hard fought season. With just over another month of winter remaining to get through, many supers are a lot less nervous of their course status compared to last winter when the ice storm blanketed courses across southern Ontario and the northeastern US.

OGSA's Ontario Golf Course Management Conference ended the last week of January with an excellent three day program of quality speakers, trade show and networking opportunities down in Niagara Falls at the Scotiabank Convention Centre and Marriott Gateway host hotel.

Newly elected President, John McLinden, Superintendent at the Ladies Golf Club of Toronto thanked outgoing President Phil Scully, Superintendent at Granite Golf Club for his hard work and dedication over the years. Mark Prieur, Superintendent at Trafalgar Golf and Country Club has moved up into the Vice President's role and will be next year's Co-chair at CITCTS 2016. Chad Vibert, Superintendent at the Mad River Golf Club has moved up into the executive appointed as the Secretary/Treasurer.

For the next OGSA conference in 2017, the Board of Directors are proposing an educational only program without a trade show. A membership meeting was held during the recent conference to solicit more input on the newly proposed direction.

The OGSA Board of Directors made a motion that was passed at their AGM that would reduce the size of the Board to nine (9) from the current eleven (11). The rational is 1) To assure all Board members the opportunity to be involved in the various committees. 2) To display fiscal responsibility and awareness of the current industry challenges. 3) To decrease the succession time for members to move up through the system, due to the long term commitments required.

Unfortunately as a result of the tight timing of OGSA's conference so close to CGSA's Canadian International Turf Conference in Calgary Feb 2-6 the following week, many Ontarians didn't venture out to the national conference this year. The CGSA looks forward to partnering with the OGSA next year in Toronto for CGSA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

For next week's GCSAA conference in San Antonio, on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> the OGSA has partnered with the North Eastern Chapters of the US hosting the Annual Nor'easter held at "Howl at the Moon".

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