Updated Criteria for the Master Superintendent Designation Accepted at the Fall Board of Directors Meeting

During their Fall Meetings, the Board of Directors approved the recommendation by the Professional Development and Accreditation Committee to alter the Master Superintendent exam criteria. The changes were proposed by the committee after feedback received from numerous program participants. It was felt that the current exam needed to be revamped in order to allow for more participation in the program and to come in line with the current trends of professional designation programs. The 6-hour time requirement to write the Master Superintendent exam was too large of a time commitment for many and hindered the potential participation in the program. With the new format it will see a change in the time requirement to write the exam.

The Master Superintendent exam tests the highest competency levels of the National Occupational Standards through a series of questions taken from the tasks developed through the NOS process. Making the change to the current exam format will not alter the difficulty nor knowledge required to be successful. It will remain as the highest form of professional designation by the CGSA and continue to test the knowledge of those in the position of the Superintendent. There will remain a commitment to the industry of professional experience, and development, volunteering or writing an article, which is part of the application process. Once an individual has achieved the Master Superintendent status there is the requirement of continuing professional development through attending education programs, writing articles and volunteerism.

The amendments that are being implemented are the number of questions moving to 150, with a time limit of 3 hours. Successful exam participants must reach an overall average on the exam of 70%.

CGSA also offers the Accredited Golf Superintendent (AGS) and Accredited Assistant Golf Superintendent (AAGS) designations and these programs will remain unchanged.

CGSA members may apply to participate in these programs by contacting Lori Micucci, CGSA Manager of Member Services at 1-800-387-1056, ext 27 or Lmicucci@golfsupers.com.