

MISGA BOARD ACTIONS - CUMULATIVE (1983-2023)

(updated as of Jan. 6, 2024)

FORWARD

This document, which provides a history of MISGA's Board Actions, has been expressly developed to assist the Board of Directors, Divisional Leadership Teams and Club Representatives with their management of the MISGA program and its operations. Policies and directives that have been formulated by the MISGA Board of Directors and/or at the Annual Club Representatives Meeting since 1983 are included in this document. Be aware that in some cases entries may be overridden by subsequent entries. In the event of conflict between the MISGA Constitution or By-laws and this document, the Constitution and By-laws take precedent and are to be followed. Should you have any questions, consult your Division Director. Suggestions for changes should be directed to the Chairman, History Committee of the MISGA Board of Directors.

DEDICATION

This document is dedicated to all those who, over the many years, have volunteered their time, talent and efforts to make MISGA what it is today.

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A. CONSTITUTION

* **Article IV, A, paragraph 2** was modified to include the immediate Past President, MISGA Secretary and MISGA Treasurer as valid voting members of the MISGA Board of Directors by unanimous vote of all attendees of the Annual Club Representatives Meeting. (*BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23*)

* **Terms of Office (DD & ADD)** - Policy & Planning Chairman Jeff Hild proposed revising paragraph 4 of Article IV, A - Administration to read as stated below. A motion was made and

approved by the Board of Directors and ratified at the 2019 Annual Club Reps Meeting. (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19*)

The terms of office for Division Directors and Assistant Division Directors shall be determined by the individual Division."

* **Remove the word Voting** - Policy & Planning Chairman Jeff Hild proposed the word "voting" be removed from Article V, A - Amendments. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 2/21/18*)

* **Remove the word Golf** - A motion to remove the word "golf" from Article III, B - Associates - was rejected. If approved, this would allow *social members* of a MISGA club to join and play in MISGA golfing events. It was decided that each MISGA member club would determine whether or not *social members* would be allowed golfing privileges. (*BoD Meeting - 2/21/18*)

* **Terms of Office (DD & ADD)** - Policy & Planning Chairman, Jeff Hild proposed revising paragraph 4 of Article IV, A - Administration to read as stated below. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 12/7/18*)

The terms of office for Division Directors and Assistant Division Directors shall be determined by the individual Division."

* **Constitution & By-laws: Revised** - Policy & Planning Chairman, Bob Brewer's proposed updated and revised version of the MISGA Constitution and By-laws (drafted by the *ad hoc Policy & Planning Committee*) were ratified without discussion. (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/11/16*)

* **Constitution & By-laws: Revised** - Policy & Planning Chairman, Bob Brewer's proposed updated and revised version of the MISGA Constitution and By-Laws (drafted by the *ad hoc Policy & Planning Committee*) were approved by unanimous vote of the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 2/24/16*)

* **Constitution: Revised** - Policy & Planning Chairman, Bob Brewer reported that the *P&P ad hoc committee's* draft of the revised MISGA Constitution was ready for approval. He reported the By-laws are more complex and require additional time for the P&P ad hoc committee to provide a viable draft. Brewer's proposal was approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 12/19/15*)

* **Constitution & By-laws: Request to revise** - Policy & Planning Chairman Bob Brewer reported that MISGA's Constitution and By-laws were in dire need of updating. Much of the information contained in the two documents was obsolete and inaccurate to current MISGA operations and practices. The Board voted for the establishment of an "*ad hoc Policy & Planning committee*" to undertake the task. (*BoD Meeting - 3/24/14*)

* **Age Limit** - The motion to lower MISGA's membership eligibility age from 55 to 50 was ratified by a unanimous vote. (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/10/06*)

* **Age Limit** - As a strategy to increase MISGA membership, a motion to revise the age limit in the definition of a MISGA associate (*MISGA Constitution - Article V*) from 55 to 50 was approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 3/2/06*)

* **MISGA Associate: Definition** - A motion to revise the definition of a MISGA associate (*MISGA Constitution - Article V*) was approved by a unanimous vote. (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 9/7/04*)

"A MISGA associate is a person who has attained the age of fifty-five (55), is a golf member in good standing in a MISGA member club under the normal and usual conditions for membership established by the member club, has paid the MISGA associates dues, and, if such member club has a senior men's organization through which members become MISGA associates, remains in good standing in that senior men's organization."

* **Constitution & By-laws: Revised** - A motion from the floor, duly seconded, to approve the proposed changes to the MISGA Constitution and By-laws was passed unanimously. (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/23/90*)

B. BY-LAWS

* **Section IV, B, 2** was modified to allow a single two-year term of office for the MISGA President and Vice President. (*BoD Meeting - 12/5/23*)

* **Section I, E** was modified to include the immediate Past President, MISGA Secretary and MISGA Treasurer as valid voting members of MISGA Board of Directors by unanimous vote of the attending BoD members. (*BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23*)

* **Section I, J** was deleted by unanimous vote of the attending BoD members. (*BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23*)

* **Section VI, E, 1,d** was modified to change the word "club" to "association" by unanimous vote of the attending BoD members. (*BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23*)

* **Section VIII, A** was modified to allow the Annual Club Representatives meeting to be held between mid-March through early April each year by unanimous vote of the attending BoD members. (*BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23*)

* **Division Numbering** - As a result of the merger of Division 1 and Division 3, a motion to re-number the remaining four divisions listed in Section IX, A to ... 1, 2, 3 & 4 was rejected. Although mathematically out-of-sync, the numbering of the four divisions will remain - 1, 2, 4 & 6. (BoD Meeting - 12/7/18)

* **Remove the word Voting** - Policy & Planning Chairman Jeff Hild's motion to remove the word "voting" from Section XIII - Amendments - was approved. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

* **By-laws: Addition** - Treasurer Gary Manion proposed the addition of two paragraphs to Section IV, E - Treasurer of the MISGA By-laws. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

1. *The Treasurer shall annually prepare the IRS Form 990N-EZ. This form is due in March of each year, following the end of the last calendar year.*

2. *The Treasurer shall annually prepare the State of Maryland Personal Property Return. This form is due by April 15 each year, following the end of the last calendar year.*

* **Terminology Consistency** - To provide terminology consistency between the MISGA's Constitution, By-laws and Guidelines; Policy & Planning Chairman Jeff Hild made a proposal to change the divisional leadership titles to *Division Director* and *Assistant Division Director*. A motion was made and approved. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

* **Division Merging** - With the withdrawal of Division 5 from MISGA and only 6 clubs remaining in Division 1 and 4 clubs remaining in Division 3, the motion to merge the remaining 10 clubs into Division 1 was approved. Divisions 3 & 5 are to be categorized as "inactive" in Section IX, A of the MISGA By-laws. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

* **Postponement** - After much discussion involving the procedure for making amendments to the By-Laws, the Board decided to table and postpone further dialogue until the next Board meeting. (BoD Meeting - 12/7/17)

* **By-laws: Revised** - The motion to implement Policy & Planning Chairman Bob Brewer's draft revision of the MISGA By-laws (dated Feb. 5) was approved by six voting members of the Board. (BoD Meeting - 2/22/17).

* **By-Laws: Revised** - Policy & Planning Committee Chairman Bob Brewer requested approval of his Committee's draft revisions to the MISGA By-laws. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Board. *(BoD Meeting - 2/24/16)*

* **By-laws: Revised** - The motion to revise Section VI, F - MISGAgram Committee - of the By-laws was approved. The existing 5 paragraphs were reduced to the following: *(BoD Meeting - 12/8/09)*

1. The MISGAgram Committee shall consist of the MISGAgram Editor as Chair, the MISGA Webmaster (*i.e., the Website Committee Chair*), and an Associate from each Division to assist in gathering newsletter items from their respective Divisions.

2. The MISGAgram Editor is responsible for the preparation of the MISGAgram, the newsletter of the organization, and for sending it to the Webmaster for posting on the MISGA website and to the History Committee for posting to the Archives.

3. The MISGAgram Committee shall inform each member of the Board, by e-mail, when a new MISGAgram is posted on the MISGA website. It is the responsibility of the Division Directors to assure that all Club Representatives in their Division are aware of the new posting so that they may notify their Club members.

* **Admitting New Clubs** -The revision for admitting new clubs to MISGA (*Section E, 1 - Club Membership Committee*) was unanimously approved by the Board. This revision will be posted on the MISGA website. *(BoD Meeting - 6/7/05)*

* **Selecting the Vice President** - The motion to modify the procedure for selecting the Vice President (*Section II, A - Succession of President and Vice President*) was approved. *(BoD Meeting - 3/8/05)*

"In the event a Division has two candidates eligible for the office of Vice President, the Division is responsible for selecting which person will be elected to this office."

* **Rules & Handicap Committee: Revision** - The motion to amend Section VIII, D of the By-laws to include the statement below was approved. *(BoD Meeting - 9/7/04)*

"MISGA will establish a formal and active Rules & Handicap Committee and maintain this committee in compliance with and as directed by The USGA Handicap System manual."

* **Division Handicap Chairman** - The motion to amend Section VIII, D of the By-laws to include

the statement below was approved. (BoD Meeting - 9/7/04)

"Appoint a Handicap Chairman for the Division. This Chairman should be responsible for informing the Division Director of any member club in the Division that fails to maintain an active Handicap Committee that monitors the club handicap system for all associates under the USGA Handicap Guidelines. The Division Director shall report, at least once a year, to the MISGA Board on the status of member club handicap committees."

* **Rules & Handicap Committee** - Policy & Planning Committee Chairman C.J. Myers distributed a paper proposing the conversion of the *ad hoc Rules & Handicap Committee* to an official functioning committee and adding it to Section VI of the MISGA By-laws. After lengthy discussion, it was decreed the Committee be formally established to promote understanding and compliance with the provisions of *The USGA Handicap System* manual. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 12/12/02)

* **By-laws: Training Seminars** - Policy & Planning Chairman Bob Nicholson recommended that an annual "Club Representatives Training Seminar" for all divisions be mandated in the MISGA By-laws. He further recommended a "curriculum outline" be written, published and posted on the MISGA website. It was further recommended that a reference to the mandatory "training seminar" be inserted into the *Guidelines* section of the *Club Representatives Handbook*. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 2/27/02)

* **By-laws: Addition & Revision** - The motion to add Section V - "General Counsel" to the By-laws and revise section letters to agree was approved. (BoD Meeting - 12/5/01)

* **By-laws: Addition** - The motion to add "Mailing Committee" as Section K of the By-laws was approved. (BoD Meeting - 12/5/01)

* **Appointment: MISGA Officers** - The motion to add the statement below to Section IV, B-2 of the By-laws was approved. (BoD Meeting - 9/11/01)

"The President shall appoint Associates to fill the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, General Counsel (who shall be a licensed attorney), and the Chairmen of the Permanent and Ad Hoc Committees."

* **By-laws: Revision** - Policy & Planning Chairman C.J. Myers recommended Section X, C, 1 of the MISGA By-laws be amended to read - **"MISGA and its Associates shall comply with the USGA Rules of Golf"** A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 5/17/01)

- * **By-laws: Addition** - The motion to add Section III, B-3 to the By-laws was approved. (BoD Meeting - 6/15/99)

"A Director or Assistant Director may be removed from office for failure to perform the duties of his office, upon receipt of a signed petition by at least one-half of the Club Representatives in that Division. The MISGA President shall hold a hearing within thirty (30) days at an appropriate location in said Division. Attending the hearing shall be the MISGA President, Secretary, the General Counsel and all Club Representatives, or Designees, of that Division. After all parties have had an opportunity to present their cases, upon an affirmative vote of three-quarters of the Club Representatives of that Division (one vote per club) for removal, the Director or Assistant Director shall be deemed removed. The Division shall proceed to fill the vacancy according to established policy."

- * **By-laws: Revision & Relocation** - The motion to modify and relocate Section III, B-3 of the By-laws to Section III, B-4 was approved. It will read as: (BoD Meeting - 6/15/99)

"In the event that the filling of a vacancy under the provisions of B-1, B-2 or B-3 above would result in the terms of the Director and Assistant Director coinciding, the term of the new Assistant Director shall be reduced to three (3) years."

- * **Board Members Induction Date** - Approved by the Board - With the exception of the Assistant Directors, all newly elected Board members shall assume their positions at the first Board of Directors Meeting of the new calendar year. (BoD Meeting - 6/15/99)

- * **Constitution & By-laws: Revised** - Proposed changes to the MISGA Constitution and By-laws were unanimously approved. The April 1999 edition of the *Handbook for Club Representatives* will incorporate the changes. (BoD Meeting - 2/22/99)

- * **New Clubs Checklist** - The addition and inclusion of the Division Directors Checklist(Section E, 1 - Club Membership Committee) as the official guide for the admission of new clubs to MISGA was unanimously approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 12/3/98)

- * **Division Director Vacancy** - Approved by the Board - When a Division Director position becomes vacant, the Assistant Division Director will automatically become the Division Director without a Division election. (BoD Meeting - 9/15/98)

- * **Succession to Division Director** - Approved by the Board - The Assistant Division Director will be elevated to the Division Director position when the Director's term expires. A new Assistant Director should be elected to ensure continuity. (BoD Meeting - 6/4/96)

C. GUIDELINES

- * **Club Reps Handbook** - President Ralph Starkey stated there is a need to update and revise *The Club Representatives Handbook*. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 9/11/12)
- * **Club Reps Handbook Binders** - As they are available on the MISGA website, the Board rescinded its previous action (at BoD Meeting - 5/17/01) to print and distribute binders and inserts of the *MISGA Club Representatives Handbook* to all club representatives. Existing binders should be passed from the outgoing club representative to the incoming club representative. (BoD Meeting - 12/8/09)
- * **MISGA Leadership Roster** - Printed editions and distribution of the *MISGA Leadership Roster* and the *MISGA Club Representatives Handbook* will be discontinued. The current and all updated editions of the two documents will be accessible only on the MISGA website. (BoD Meeting - 12/1/06)
- * **Update - MISGA By-laws & Guidelines** - As a result of a substantial number of revisions and changes to MISGA's By-laws and Guidelines, the Board directed that the two documents be updated, published and distributed to applicable MISGA officials. (BoD Meeting - 1/20/04)
- * **Annual Report** - President Charlie Fieldhouse reminded the Division Directors that their *MISGA Annual Report* must be submitted to the MISGA President by November 1. Division Directors expressed concern that, because of late mixers, the November 1 date is too early. A motion was made and approved to establish December 1 as the due date. (BoD Meeting - 9/11/01)
- * **Club Representatives Handbook: Guidelines** - The Board decreed the following: (BoD Meeting - 9/11/01)
 - 1. Insert - **Home Mixers:** *All home mixers are to be held at the host club's own golf course. Use of a different facility in order to schedule additional home mixers is not permitted.*
 - 2. Insert: **Mixer Fees:** *All fees collected at a given mixer (except 50/50 fees) are to be spent on that mixer and are not to be used for any other function such as after season or Christmas parties, etc.*
- * **Club Representatives Handbook** - ADD-4 Chuck Ebbecke reported there is a shortage of the *MISGA Club Representatives Handbook*. He proposed the *Handbook* be updated, published and distributed to all club representatives. Each member club will receive one binder and two sets of the inserts (*Constitution, By-laws & Guidelines*). The Board approved the proposal. (BoD Meeting -

5/17/01)

* **Training Seminars** - Policy & Planning Committee Chairman C.J. Myers recommended the MISGA Guidelines be amended to include a mandatory requirement that all divisions conduct an annual "training seminar" for club representatives. After judicious discussion, it was agreed that annual "training seminars" would be encouraged but will not be mandatory. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 2/20/01)

* **Summary Annual Report** - Vice President Charlie Fieldhouse recommended that a blank copy of the Summary Annual Report be posted in the MISGA Club Representatives Handbook. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 9/19/00)

D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

* **MISGA Mixer Confirmation Letters** - The Board voted to develop a standard MISGA Mixer Confirmation Letter for use by Club Reps when hosting MISGA mixers. The letter will provide all the pertinent information related to the visiting club as required by the host Club Rep and Club management. (BoD Meeting - 6/19/23)

* **Non-MISGA Members** - An association of non-MISGA golfers requested permission to participate in MISGA golfing events. By a vote of the attending BoD members, the request was rejected and such golfers instructed to affiliate with a MISGA member club (public or private). (BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23)

* **3rd BoD Meeting** - (Tuesday - December 5, 2023 - Montgomery) - In attendance were: Tom Ciandella (MP & ADD1), Paul Bate (MVP & DD4), George Blair (Treasurer), Chuck Woods (Planning & Policy), Carl Lazar (Club Membership), Greg Morris (Tournaments & DD6), Lloyd Stimson (Historian), Bob Hodges (MISGAgram), Tom Tarpley (PP AD HOC), Jack Sullivan (Audit), Gary Kramer (Rules & Handicap), Eric Branfman (ADD4), Jake Jacobi (Associates, Webmaster & DD2) & Mike Olson (Secretary & DD1) & Mike Caporaletti (CR-Hobbit's Glen). Absent were: Jim Ewalt (Counsel), Pete Sorge (Events) & Doug Waters (ADD2)

* **2nd BoD Meeting** - (Monday - June 19, 2023 - Crofton) - In attendance were: Tom Ciandella (MP & ADD1), Paul Bate (MVP & DD4), Mike Olson (Secretary & DD1), George Blair (Treasurer), Ken Bacon (ADD6), Eric Branfman (ADD4), Lloyd Stimson (Historian), Jack Sullivan (Audit), Carl Lazar (Club Membership) & Chuck Woods (Planning & Policy). Absent were: Jim Ewalt (Counsel), Greg Morris (Tournaments & DD6), Gary Kramer (Rules & Hdcp), Pete Sorge (Events), Tom Tarpley (PP AD HOC), Jake Jacobi (Associates, Webmaster & DD2) & Bob Hodges (MISGAgram).

* **1st BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting Combined** - (Wednesday - March 22, 2023 - Prospect Bay) - In attendance were: Tom Ciandella (MP & ADD1), Paul Bate (MVP & DD4), Mike Olson (Secretary & DD1), Ken Bacon (ADD6), Eric Branfman (ADD4), Jim Ewalt (Counsel), George Blair (Treasurer), Counsel), Bob Hodges (MISGAgram), Jake Jacobi (Associates, Webmaster & DD2),

Lloyd Stimson (*Historian*), Jack Sullivan (*Audit*), Tom Tarpley (*PP AD HOC*), Chuck Woods (*Planning & Policy*). Absent were: George Blair (*Treasurer*), Carl Lazar (*Club Membership*), Greg Morris (*Tournaments & DD6*), Wayne Rowland (*Rules & Hdcp*) & Pete Sorge (*Events*).

* **MISGA President 2023** - Current Vice President & ADD1 Tom Ciandella (*Prospect Bay*) was confirmed to serve as MISGA President for calendar year 2023. (*BoD Meeting - 12/7/22*)

* **MISGA Vice President 2023** - Current DD4 Paul Bate (*Blue Mash*) was confirmed to serve as MISGA Vice President for calendar year 2023. (*BoD Meeting - 12/7/22*)

* **2022 Annual Club Reps Meeting** - Once again, as a result of the continuing coronavirus pandemic, this year's ACR meeting was cancelled. As a substitute, the Board strongly encouraged the divisions to schedule a virtual Divisional Club Reps Meeting. (*BoD Teleconference - 1/19/22*)

* **MISGA President 2022** - Current Vice President & DD6 Chuck Woods (*Crofton*) was confirmed as MISGA President for calendar year 2022. (*BoD Meeting - 12/14/21*)

* **MISGA Vice President 2022** - Current ADD1 Tom Ciandella (*Prospect Bay*) was nominated to serve as MISGA Vice President for calendar year 2022. By unanimous vote, he was elected. (*BoD Meeting - 12/14/21*)

* **MISGA President 2021** - Current Vice President Wayne Rowland (*Montgomery - Div. 4*) was confirmed as MISGA President for calendar year 2021. (*BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20*)

* **MISGA Vice President 2021** - Division 6 Director Chuck Wood (*Crofton - Div. 6*) was nominated to serve as MISGA Vice President for calendar year 2021. By unanimous vote, he was elected. (*BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20*)

* **2021 Annual Club Reps Meeting** - Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, it was concluded the *Annual Club Representatives Meeting* normally scheduled for the first week in April is in doubt. In addition, it was reported that Prospect Bay would like to retire from hosting the event. (*BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20*)

* **2020 Annual Club Reps Meeting** - As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the ACR meeting scheduled for March 31, 2020 at Prospect Bay CC was cancelled. (*BoD Meeting - 2/13/20*)

* **MISGA President 2020** - With the approval of the Board of Directors, 2019 President Malcolm Peterson (*Prospect Bay - Div. 1*) passed the "Presidential Gavel" to 2019 Vice President Jeff Hild (*Musket Ridge - Div. 2*) who will serve as the MISGA President for 2020. (*BoD Meeting - 12/3/19*)

* **MISGA Vice President 2020** - By unanimous vote, Wayne Rowland (*Montgomery - Div. 4*) was nominated and elected to serve as the MISGA Vice President for 2020. (*BoD Meeting - 12/3/19*)

- * **Position Descriptions** - President Malcolm Peterson instructed Auditor Errol Myers and Treasurer Gary Manion to develop two "position descriptions" that will more definitively delineate the specific duties and responsibilities of each of the two chairmanships. (*Club Reps Meeting - 2/6/19*)
- * **Past Presidents ad hoc Committee** - Past Presidents ad hoc Committee Chairman Tom Tarpley discussed the status of the *Past Presidents ad hoc Committee*. Over the years, the committee has been an on-again, off-again committee. Currently it is not listed as an official committee in Section VI of the MISGA By-laws. Originally, it was established to develop and publish the paperback **MISGA History (1996-2005)**. After the book was published and distributed, the committee was disbanded. However, the committee has reemerged with the objective of identifying and selecting MISGA officials for awarding the prestigious *Sam Hastings Green Jacket*. The Board voted to formally re-establish the committee and that specific duties and responsibilities be defined. (*BoD Meeting - 2/6/19*)
- * **Golf Genius** - Rules & Handicap Chairman Wayne Rowland reported that he had conducted further in-depth study of the automated system (*Golf Genius*) that allows users to set-up and manage golf outings - from sign-up thru posting of scores. He learned the cost for the software package was three times more expensive than the Board was led to believe during an informational presentation by a company representative (*in excess of \$8,000 per year*). Rowland recommended MISGA not purchase the automated system. The Board voted to accept Rowland's no purchase recommendation. (*BoD Meeting - 2/6/19*)
- * **TMR Signup System** - Past President Tom Rowlett (*Musket Ridge*) was in attendance to provide information and answer questions regarding his updated automated sign-up system - *TMR Signup System*. For MISGA-wide application, the cost would be \$350 in 2019 with possible small increases in the future. Attending Board members currently using the system highly praised its effectiveness. The Board voted to cover Rowlett's operational and maintenance costs (\$325) during the 2019 season. (*BoD Meeting - 2/6/19*)
- * **Golf Genius** - Rules & Handicap Chairman Wayne Rowland proposed that MISGA consider purchasing, for MISGA-wide use, the software package *Golf Genius* - an automated system that allows users to set-up and manage golf outings - from sign-up thru posting of scores. A sales rep from *Golf Genius* made a presentation explaining how the system operates and answered questions. It was decided more study must be conducted and a vote be taken at the first Board meeting in 2019. (*BoD Meetings - 9/10/18 & 12/13/18*)
- * **MISGA President 2019** - By unanimous vote, Malcolm Peterson (*Prospect Bay - Div. 1*) was nominated and elected to serve as the MISGA President for 2019. (*BoD Meeting - 12/13/18*)
- * **MISGA Vice President 2019** - By unanimous vote, Jeff Hild (*Musket Ridge - Div. 2*) was

nominated and elected to serve as the MISGA Vice President for 2019. *(BoD Meeting - 12/13/18)*

* **DD1 & ADD1 Assignments** - With the merger of Division 3 and Division 1, Malcolm Peterson (*Prospect Bay*) assumed the position of Division Director 1 and Bob Hodges (*Wild Quail*) assumed the position of Assistant Division Director 1. *(Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/18)*

* **MISGA Vice President 2018** - By unanimous vote, Malcolm Peterson (*Prospect Bay - Div. 1*) was nominated and elected to serve as the MISGA Vice President for 2018. *(BoD Meeting - 12/7/17)*

* **MISGA Event Prohibition** - The Board decreed that former MISGA associates of the withdrawn Division 5 may NOT participate in any MISGA event unless they are MISGA associates at another certified MISGA club. *(BoD Meeting - 9/12/17)*

* **Division 5 "Inactive"** - As a result of Division 5's withdrawal from MISGA membership, the motion was made and approved to place and classify the Division with its Division Director and Assistant Division Director in an "inactive" status. *(BoD Meeting - 12/7/16)*

* **MISGA Vice President 2017** - By unanimous vote, Greg Morris (*National CC at Tantallon*) was nominated and elected to serve as the MISGA Vice President for 2017. *(BoD Meeting - 12/7/16)*

* **Complaint - MISGA Championship Tournaments** - MISGA President Tom Rowlett informed the Board that he had received numerous complaints concerning a particular MISGA "associate". The complaints contend the "associate" had been playing with a much higher *course handicap* than his true playing ability warrants. He had won the Net 2-Man Team Championship five times, the Net Past Presidents-ABCD Championship one time and finished 1st or 2nd seven times. To address the complaints, Rowlett established an ad hoc committee (*Gary Manion, Lloyd Stimson & Jeff Hild*) to investigate the validity of the complaints and prepare a written report of findings with recommendations for optional courses of action. In its report, the committee found there was sufficient data to warrant action by the MCT Tournament Committees to modify the "associate's" *course handicap*. A motion to accept the ad hoc committee's findings and implement the corrective action was approved. The associate resigned from MISGA. *(BoD Meeting - 12/7/16)*

* **Amateur Status Issue** - The Board was informed that a MISGA associate had accepted a prize from a golf tournament that exceeded the USGA prize amount limit for an amateur golfer. Hence, the associate became classified as a "Pro." The associate has applied to the USGA for reinstatement as an amateur. While awaiting his amateur status to be reinstated, the question arose as to whether the associate is eligible to play in MISGA golfing events. It was noted that MISGA guidelines do not prohibit "pros" from playing in MISGA golfing events. The Board directed that, to retain his current handicap index, he must receive permission from the coordinating

officials at the host club for all MISGA golfing events. This action was approved by the Board.
(BoD Meeting - 2/24/16)

* **Scheduling Matrix** - The Board voted to discontinue enforcement of the *Scheduling Matrix* for Divisions 2, 4 & 6. The matrix was utilized as an aid for the scheduling of mixers between the clubs of the three divisions. A number of the inclusive clubs intensely objected to being forced to schedule mixers with clubs they considered unable to provide equitable reciprocal amenities. They threatened to resign from MISGA. (BoD Meeting - 9/13/11)

* **Former MISGA Associate** - A former MISGA associate who had relocated his residence to Florida requested permission to participate in MISGA mixers when he was visiting the MISGA geographical region. The Board granted him permission on a space available basis. (BoD Meeting - 3/21/11)

* **Marketing Package** - MISGA associate, Willis Hall (*Ocean City*) informed the Board that the MISGA marketing package (*recruiting posters & flyers*) will be distributed at the Annual Club Representatives Meeting scheduled for April 11, 2011. (BoD Meeting - 3/21/11)

* **Marketing Package** - MISGA associate, Willis Hall (*Ocean City*) proposed the development and utilization of recruiting documents that would assist with increasing MISGA membership. The documents would include a **poster** to be placed on pro shop bulletin boards and a **flyer** that would be distributed to eligible seniors at MISGA clubs. Samples were distributed at the meeting. The cost of the documents would be \$100. The Board approved development of the documents. (BoD Meeting - 9/14/10)

* **Rescinded: Winners Report** - The Board voted to rescind the directive that had been issued at the BoD Meeting of April 19, 1985 - "*A report be developed which would provide data on MISGA events such as place, date, winners, etc. and that this report be sent to Club Representatives at the end of each year.*" All such information and data are currently published in MISGAgrams and posted in the "Tournament Information" section of the MISGA website. (BoD Meeting 12/8/09)

* **Board Bash Gifts** - The Board voted to rescind the directive that had been issued at the BoD Meeting of May, 22, 2002 - "*Each Division Director and Assistant Division Director will provide a "quality gift" for distribution by lottery at the annual Board Bash.*" (BoD Meeting - 12/8/09)

* **Golf Net** has modified its application from 2008. The modification was completed to further protect the privacy user golfers. There had been concern that profile information might be sold for commercial purposes. (BoD Meeting - 3/18/09)

* **Marketing Package** - ADD-5, Willis Hall proposed the development and utilization of recruiting documents that would assist with increasing MISGA membership. The documents would include a card board **poster** to be placed on pro shop bulletin boards and a **brochure** that would be distributed to eligible seniors at MISGA clubs. Samples were presented at the meeting. The cost of the documents would be \$3,500. The Board approved development of the documents. (BoD Meeting - 3/27/07)

* **Non-Compliance** - At the BoD meeting of Sept. 11, 2007, concern was expressed that Chartwell was not in compliance with the spirit of MISGA's mixer scheduling practices. A special committee was convened to investigate the validity of the cited concern. After examining the scenario, the committee found that Chartwell had not violated MISGA mixer scheduling guidelines and recommended no action be taken. The Board approved the recommendation. (BoD Meeting - 12/4/07)

* **AED Project** - At the March 3, 2006 BoD Meeting, President Tom Tarpley proposed that MISGA purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AED) with the required training for each MISGA member club. Discussion included the cost (AED - \$1,500 each & training - \$500 per trainee), insurance requirements, required number of trained club staff, how many clubs would desire the AED, etc. Further discussion, without resolution, ensued at the Sept. 13, 2016 BoD Meeting. At the final Board meeting of the year, Tarpley called for a motion to approve the purchase. When no motion was made, Tarpley declared the issue dead. (BoD Meeting - 9/12/06)

* **Refunds for Failure to Play:** The Board decreed that refunds for "no shows" at standard mixers are at the discretion of the Division Directors. The Board further decreed that the MISGA Treasury will not provide refunds for "no shows" at the MISGA Championship Tournaments. (BoD Meeting - 9/12/06)

* **Dissolution: ad hoc Committee** - The paperback edition of the *MISGA History (1996-2005)* has been published and distributed. MISGA's Archives are in the process of being updated. Therefore, the *ad hoc Committee of Past Presidents for History* was dissolved. The *ad hoc committee* had been convened to collect, assemble, organize the content information and write the book. (BoD Meeting - 9/12/06)

* **Relocate Annual Club Reps Meeting** - The Board voted to relocate the *Annual Club Representatives Meeting* from the Chester River Y&GC to Prospect Bay GC. As a result, the By-laws mandated meeting date (2nd Monday in April with an alternate on the 1st Monday) was required to be switched to Tuesday, April 17. The Board approved the onetime deviation. (BoD Meeting - 9/12/06)

* **Cheating** - DD-3 Dan Williams reported that two "associates" had been expelled from MISGA by their club for cheating. A motion was made and passed that, for this specific case, the Board will ratify the Division's decision to suspend the two "associates" and they be advised of their right of appeal. In addition, the Board directed the Policy & Planning Committee to examine MISGA's

suspension/expel guidelines and make a clarifying recommendation at the next Board meeting. (*BoD Meeting - 12/11/03*)

* **Establishment: ad hoc Past Presidents Committee** - A motion was made and approved by the Board to establish an *ad hoc Past Presidents Committee* to carry out a variety of timely projects as assigned by the President. Charlie Fieldhouse (*Piney Branch*) was appointed Chairman. The initial assignment of the Committee is to: (1) gather the significant historical materials/documents of MISGA, (2) design an archival system for storing the materials/documents, and (3) design a package for recruiting clubs for MISGA. (*BoD Meeting - 2/12/03*)

* **Solicitation of Business** - The Board strongly reiterated that the "solicitation of business" by associates at MISGA events is strictly forbidden. This prohibition should be elucidated at club rep meetings, be a key point during division training seminars and posted as a notice in the MISGAgram. (*BoD Meeting - 12/12/02*)

* **Board Bash Gifts** - The Board directed that each Division Director and Assistant Division Director provide a "quality gift" for distribution by lottery at the annual Board Bash. It is recommended the gifts be solicited from club pro shops. (*Note: Division II stated there would be no effort to solicit gifts from its club shops this year.*) (*BoD Meeting - 5/22/02*)

* **End-of Year Summary Report** - The Board directed that an annual end-of-year report containing information and data about MISGA events be published for distribution to all club representatives. Relevant information would include the event location, date, winners, etc. (*BoD Meeting - 4/19/85*)

LADIES

* The Board decreed that women are welcome and allowed to join and become associates of MISGA. (*BoD Meeting - 3/27/07 and BoD Meeting - 9/15/09*)

* Widows of MISGA associates may attend and participate in Flings and Frolics on a space available basis. (*BoD Meeting - 2/27/02*)

* Widows of deceased associates may attend special MISGA events on a space available basis. However, an active MISGA associate who attends the same event must sponsor them. *Note: An associate may sponsor only one guest who is usually his spouse.* (*BoD Meeting - 7/13/93*)

* Widows/guests of MISGA associates are to be welcome at MISGA outings. All widows/guests are subject to Article IX - Code of Conduct of the MISGA Constitution. (*BoD Meeting - 4/19/93*)

- * The Board voted to deny MISGA widows permission to attend out-of-state events. (BoD Meeting - 12/2/91)
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E. ASSOCIATES COMMITTEE

- * According to the final *MISGA Associate Dues Summary for 2022*, MISGA will begin the 2023 season with 1,729 paid associates (D1-281, D2-329, D4-442 & D6-677). This is 157 (-8%) fewer associates than 2022.
- * According to the *MISGA Associate Dues Summary for 2021*, MISGA will begin the 2022 season with 1,886 paid associates (D1-266, D2-334, D4-568 & D6-718). This is 382 (-17%) fewer associates than 2019. As 2020 was a pandemic shutdown season, no stats were recorded.
- * **MISGA Annual Reports (Club/Division/MISGA)** - Associates Chairman Jim Wilcox questioned as to whom has the responsibility for compiling & entering the required info onto and submitting the *Club Annual Report*, *Division Annual Report* and *MISGA Annual Report*. The Board was informed the reports are required for use by the MISGA Treasurer and MISGA Tournaments Chairman. During the discussion, the Board determined that many of those who have the responsibility for preparing and submitting the reports were unaware of this duty. Hence, it was decided that a tutorial be developed for each report and that formal training be conducted to educate those who have the responsibility. (BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20)
- * **MISGA Membership (Clubs & Associates)** - Concern was expressed about the possible loss of MISGA member clubs and associates. Declining interest, increased costs, desire not to travel, etc. were cited as disincentives. Note: Since 2011, MISGA has dropped from 68 clubs to 44 (-29%) and from 3,582 associates to 2,286 (-36%). (BoD Teleconference - 9/21/20)
- * **Associates Rosters** - Associates Chairman, Charlie Fieldhouse, recommended the procedures for preparing, submitting and maintaining division and club "associates rosters" ... and its accompanying instructional tutorial be revised. Much of the information and data recorded is no longer required. The obsolete information and data were essential for the mailing of hardcopies of the MISGAgam to associates. The mailing of hard copies has been discontinued. The MISGAgam is now in electronic format posted on the MISGA website. The Board approved the recommendation. (BoD Meeting - 9/13/11)
- * **Associates Rosters Due Date** - A motion was made and passed to formally establish - June 1 - as the official due date for submitting updated electronic *Club Associates Rosters* to the Division Associates Chairman (DAC). The official established due date in the *MISGA Guidelines* is May 1 ... but June 1 has been the accepted submission due date. (BoD Meeting - 9/15/09)
- * **Associates Rosters Due Date** - A motion was made and passed to reestablish May 1 as the

official due date for submitting updated electronic *Club Associates Rosters* to the Division Associates Chairman (DAC). (BoD Meeting - 3/19/08)

* **Associates Rosters Due Date** - Webmaster Byron Keadle requested that all additions, deletions and changes to *Club Associates Rosters* be submitted to him and Associates Chairman Charlie Fieldhouse no later than March 1. Specific information includes name, title, home address, telephone number and **e-mail address**. Identify the Club Rep, all Assistant Club Reps, and the Head Golf Pro. (BoD Meeting - 12/1/06)

* **Associates Rosters & Associates Dues** - Associates Chairman, Charlie Fieldhouse, established a revised procedure for submitting electronic Club Associates Rosters & Associates Dues: (BoD Meeting - 9/19/00)

1. At the beginning of the golfing season, Club Representatives will update their Club's electronic "Associates Roster" (*additions, deletions and corrections*) and collect the "associates' dues."
2. The Club Representative will forward the updated electronic "Associates Roster" and "associates' dues to the Division Associates Chairman prior to June 1.
3. The Division Associates Chairman will verify the electronic "Associates Roster" and the corresponding amount of "associates' dues."
4. The Division Associates Chairman will forward the verified electronic "Associates Roster" and "associates' dues" to the MISGA Treasurer.

* **Life Memberships - Past Presidents** - Policy & Planning Committee Chairman Otis Jefferson recommended and ADD-4 Bob McMinn made a motion that all MISGA Past Presidents who wished to retain MISGA connections be accorded *Lifetime Memberships*. The Past President will remain on the "associates roster" of his former home club. The Board approved the motion unanimously. (BoD Meeting - 12/29/99)

* **Honorary Membership** - A motion was made and approved to grant MISGA Past President Bill Woolston (1982) honorary membership on the MISGA Board of Directors and that his name be placed on the Prospect Bay "associates roster". (BoD Meeting - 6/7/97).

* **MISGA Membership Cards** - A motion was made and approved that MISGA discontinue purchasing and issuing MISGA membership cards in 1996. (BoD Meeting - 9/14/94)

* **Life Memberships** - After discussing the merits of awarding a *Life Membership* to all "associates" who had achieved the age of 80, the Board decided that such a decision will be the prerogative of the MISGA "associate's" home club. Such an honor may be bestowed if the club determines the "octogenarian" has performed exceptional service for MISGA. (Annual Club Reps

Meeting - 4/9/85)

- * **Al Hagen** - As the founding father of MISGA and his long and distinguished service to the organization, the Board bestowed a *Life Membership* (dues free) upon President Emeritus Al Hagen. (BoD Meeting - 4/30/84)

F. AUDIT COMMITTEE

G. CLUB MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- * According to the final *MISGA Associate Dues Summary for 2022*, MISGA will begin the 2023 season with a total of 36 paid member clubs (D1-7, D2-10, D4-7 & D6-12). This is 1 (-3%) fewer club than 2022.
- * According to the *MISGA Associate Dues Summary for 2021*, MISGA will begin the 2022 season with a total of 37 paid member clubs (D1-7, D2-10, D4-8 & D6-12). This is 6 (-14%) fewer clubs than 2019. As 2020 was a pandemic shutdown season, no stats were recorded.
- * **MISGA Membership (Clubs & Associates)** - Concern was expressed about the possible loss of MISGA member clubs and associates. Declining interest, increased costs, desire not to travel, etc. were cited as disincentives. Note: Since 2011, MISGA has dropped from 68 clubs to 44 (-29%) and from 3,582 associates to 2,286 (-36%). (BoD Teleconference - 9/21/20)
- * **West Winds** - The Board granted West Winds tentative approval to join MISGA for 2016 as a member of Division 2. If West Winds complies with all MISGA membership requirements, the Board will vote on full approval for 2017. (BoD Meeting - 2/24/16)
- * **Club Membership Level** - Club Membership Chairman Tom Taylor proposed that to increase and retain MISGA club membership, the requirement that member clubs maintain a minimum of "32 associates" be rescinded. A motion was made and approved. (BoD Meeting - 3/13/13)
- * **Musket Ridge** - Club Membership Chairman Tom Taylor reported that Musket Ridge had met the "32 associates" requirement; thus, its probationary status was rescinded and the club is now an official MISGA member club. (BoD Meeting - 9/13/11)
- * **Compass Pointe** - Club Membership Chairman Tom Taylor reported the ad hoc *Compass Pointe Evaluation Committee* had determined that, except for the "32 associates" and an official club "seniors group" requirements, Compass Pointe had complied with all other club membership requirements. A motion was made and approved to accept the club into MISGA on a one-year probationary period. (BoD Meeting - 9/13/11)

* **Cress Creek** - Club Membership Chairman Tom Taylor recommended that Cress Creek (*with 20 associates*) and Musket Ridge (*with 17 associates*) be accepted into MISGA on a probationary basis for 3-4 years. A separate motion was made and approved to accept each club into MISGA on a separate club basis. If either club failed to comply with the "32 associates" requirement, it would be disqualified from MISGA club membership status. (BoD Meeting - 9/15/09)

* **Division Realignment** - The Board unanimously approved the restructuring of the MISGA divisions and clubs located on Maryland's Eastern Shore. (BoD Meeting - 2/12/03)

1. The current two divisions will be reorganized into three divisions numbered 1, 3 & 5.
2. The current Washington, DC - East Division 3 will be renumbered as Division 6.
3. The MISGA President position will be filled by Division 4 in 2003, by Division 5 in 2004, Division 1 in 2005 and then follow the numerical sequence.
4. This restructuring will become effective in 2004.

* **Division Club Limitations** - DD-1 Duke Rowdon proposed to establish a maximum (16) and minimum (8) limit on the number of clubs assigned to a MISGA division. Reorganization of a division will be considered only when a division exceeds the maximum limit or falls below the minimum limit. The motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 2/20/01)

* **Division 1: Splitting** - MISGA President George Meyer announced that Division 1 will be separated into two divisions by the end of the year - Division 1 and Division 5. DD-1 Duke Rowdon and ADD-1 Otis Jefferson will determine the assignment of clubs to each division. Rowdon will become Division Director - 1 and Jefferson will become Division Director - 5. (BoD Meeting - 6/15/96)

* **Division 1: Splitting** - Due to an increase in club membership within Division 1, a motion was made and approved to separate the Eastern Shore's Division 1 into two distinct divisions - numbered Division 1 and Division 5. (BoD Meeting - 9/14/95)

* **Club Membership Eligibility** - The Board declared that no club be considered for membership in MISGA that charges green fees. (BoD Meeting - 7/21/87)

H. EVENTS COMMITTEE

* The Board approved Events Chair Pete Sorges' plan to schedule a single Fall Frolic at one of four locations (*Seabrook Island, NC; Fripp Island, SC; Jekyll Island, GA or Amelia Island, FL*). Sorge stated the determining factor would be the status of the pandemic and the ability to obtain a reasonable financial deal. (BoD Teleconference - 1/19/22)

- * **Special Events for 2021** - Because of the unknowns surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board voted to cancel all plans for the special events (*flings & frolics*) during the 2021 season. Events Chair Pete Sorge was instructed to undertake planning for the 2022 season. (BoD Teleconference - 2/8/21)
- * **Coronavirus Impact on Special Events (Flings & Frolics)** - The Board voted, unanimously, to cancel all of the remaining special events for calendar year 2020. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)
- * **Coronavirus Impact on Special Events (Flings & Frolics)** - Events Chair Pete Sorge reported the Spring Fling in Williamsburg, VA has been cancelled. He further reported the Fall Frolic (*either in Georgia, South Carolina or Florida*) is on hold, but in the opening negotiation phase. (BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20)
- * **Winter Fling: Reinstated** - Division 6 Tournament Chairman Jack Sullivan volunteered to reinstate and coordinate the Winter Fling in Florida. It will be held at the *Planation on Crystal River Resort* in Crystal River, FL on March 3-9, 2019. (Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/18)
- * **Spring Fling: Coordinators** - With Board approval, associates Bob Fitzgerald and Bill Duncan volunteered to take charge and coordinate the 2018 Spring Fling in Williamsburg, VA. (BoD Meeting - 9/12/17)
- * **Spring Fling: Coordinators** - Events Chairman Pete Sorge thanked Dick Dale and Ralph Starkey for stepping up and assuming command of the 2017 Spring Fling in Williamsburg, VA. He commended them for a job well done. Sorge stated that Bob Fitzgerald and Bill Duncan will coordinate the 2018 Spring Fling. (BoD Meeting - 9/12/17)
- * **Winter Fling: Discontinuation** - Events Chairman Pete Sorge announced that he had no volunteers to coordinate the Winter Fling held in Florida and there has been a lack of interest for the event. President Tom Rowlett recommended that MISGA discontinue holding the event. A motion was made and approved by a 4 to 3 Board vote. (BoD Meeting - 9/3/16)
- * **Lady Participants** - The Board decreed that lady MISGA associates who attend a Fling or Frolic may play with the regular group of associates or with the "ladies only" group. However, they must make their selection known prior to arriving at the event. (BoD Meeting - 12/7/10)
- * **Fall Frolics: Reduction** - Events Chairman Pete Sorge stated that because of low participation in the 2008 Fall Frolic at Amelia Island, SC, he recommended that only one Frolic be held in 2009. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 9/2/08)
- * **Surplus Funds** - Events Chairman, Peter Sorge, proposed that the current limit on the amount of surplus funds which are refunded to participants in MISGA's special golfing events (*Spring Fling, Summer Frolic, Fall Frolic, etc.*) be increased from \$10 to \$25 per participant. Currently, all surplus

funds under \$10 are allocated to subsidize the event's prize pool. The motion was approved by the Board. *(BoD Meeting - 3/19/08)*

* **Events Committee: Establishment** - The Board voted to establish an Events Committee. Specific golfing events assigned to each Division is as follows: *(BoD Meeting - 3/8/05)*

Division 1 - Spring Fling

Division 2 - Summer Frolic

Division 3 - Annual Club Representatives Meeting

Division 4 - a Fall Frolic

Division 5 - Winter Frolic

Division 6 - a Fall Frolic

* **Special Events Guidelines** - the operating policies and procedures for holding and conducting the Spring Fling, Fall Frolic, Winter Fling and Board Bash have been updated. A motion was made to publish the guidelines was approved by the Board. *(BoD Meeting - 9/11/01)*

* **Fall Frolics: Reduction** - President Charlie Fieldhouse reminded the Board that, at the BoD Meeting - 12/3/98, it had approved reducing the number of Fall Frolics from three to two. Yet, three have been scheduled for this year. He recommended the cited 1998 board action be removed. A motion was made and approved by the Board. *(BoD Meeting - 9/11/01)*

* **Unauthorized Contract Negotiations** - ADD-1 Arnie Simms stated that problems had occurred with the previous unauthorized contract negotiations for conducting the Spring Fling in Ocean City, MD. He requested that he be authorized to attempt negotiations for a new three year contract with the Ocean City Yacht & Golf Club. A motion was made and approved by the Board. *(BoD Meeting - 2/20/01)*

* **Fall Frolics: Reduction** - Due to a decline in attendance at the Fall Frolics, Events Chairman Sam Hastings recommended that only two Frolics be held in 1999 rather than the normal three. A motion was made and passed by the Board. *(BoD Meeting - 12/3/98)*

* **Priority Participation** - DD-2 Bill Woolston expressed concern about the scarcity of participant slots for MISGA administrators in MISGA's mixers and special events. On occasion, when an event participant level is at its maximum, MISGA's officials have been excluded from the event. Woolston made a motion that current Board members, officers, committee chairmen, club representatives and assistant club representatives be granted preference to participate in non-competitive MISGA events. The motion was approved unanimously. *(BoD Meeting - 12/1/88)*

I. FINANCIAL

- * **Associates Dues Payment Deadline** - The Associates Dues payment deadline was extended from June 1 to September 1 by unanimous vote of the attending BoD members. *(BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23)*
- * **MISGA Budget for 2023** - The revised budget plan was approved by the attendees of the Annual Club Representatives Meeting. *(BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23)*
- * **Travel Allowance** - The IRS established mileage rate for travel (\$.655 per mile) was retained by a majority vote of the attending BoD members. *(BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23)*
- * **MISGA Budget for 2023** – Treasurer Gary Manion submitted, for review and discussion, 3 documents associated with the 2023 MISGA budget: (1) 2023 Proposed Operating Budget, (2) 2022 Actual/Estimated Income Statement vs. 2022 Budget and (3) 2021 Actual Income Statement vs. 2021 Budget. On the Proposed Operating Budget, the Board revised the designated amounts for three items (*Internet Meetings - \$1,060 to \$250, Travel - \$200 to \$605 and Board Meetings - \$250 to \$655*). There was much discussion concerning the amount assigned to the "Contingency" item. As the Board could not agree upon an acceptable amount, it decided to establish a "budget committee" to review the issue and recommend a solution. Final approval of the proposed budget will be made at a 2023 Board Meeting. *(BoD Meeting - 12/7/22)*
- * Treasurer Gary Manion is moving to Delaware and will resign from his position as MISGA Treasurer. As a replacement, MISGA President Chuck Woods nominated George Blair of Crofton CC. Woods stated that Blair is a certified CPA, is highly qualified and willing to perform the Treasurer duties and responsibilities. The BoD approved the nomination. *(BoD Teleconference - 6/20/22)*
- * **MISGA Budget for 2022** – Treasurer Gary Manion submitted, for approval, 3 documents associated with the 2022 MISGA budget: (1) 2022 MISGA Proposed Operating Budget, (2) 2022 Operating Income Statement Budget with Comparative 2021 & 2020 Actual and Budget Income Statements with Calculated Variances, (3) 2022 Budgeted Balance Sheet with 2021 & 2020 Actual Balance Sheets. After agreeing to modify the number of declining "associates", the voting members of the Board unanimously approved the 2022 MISGA Budget. *(BoD Teleconference - 1/19/22)*
- * **MISGA Budget for 2021** – Treasurer Gary Manion submitted, for approval, 4 documents associated with the 2021 MISGA budget: (1) Income Statement for 2020, (2) Income Statement - Proposed Budget for 2021, (3) Income Comparisons - 2021 Proposed Budget to 2020 Actual and 2021 Proposed Budget to 2020 Budget and (4) Comparative Balances - 2020 Actual to 2021 Proposed Budget & 2020 Actual to 2021 Proposed Budget. Unanimously, the BoD voting members approved the 2021 MISGA Budget. *(BoD Teleconference - 2/8/21)*

* **MISGA Budget for 2021** – Treasurer Gary Manion submitted, for approval, 3 documents associated with the 2021 MISGA budget: (1) Income Statement - Proposed Budget, (2) Income Statement - Various Budget Scenarios and (3) Actual & Budgeted Income Statement - 2019. The BoD decided to postpone the vote to approve until the first BoD meeting in 2021. (BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on Annual Fees & Payments** - After Treasurer Gary Manion explained MISGA's current financial situation and relevant discussion, the Board, by unanimous vote:

(1) **Club Dues** - As most clubs had paid their 2020 dues, the Board decided to carry over and credit the payments to calendar year 2021. Issuing refunds would be laborious and a waste time and effort.

(2) **Associates Dues** - As no Division had submitted its 2020 dues, the Board decided to cancel the annual associates' dues fee for 2020. Divisions and clubs are permitted to take whatever action they deem appropriate.

(3) **Division Operating Expenses** - As MISGA is not collecting "associates dues" for 2020, the Board decided that no "operating expenses" payments will be made to the four divisions. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on Annual Dues Payments (club & associates)** - After in-depth discussion, the Board voted to continue with the current MISGA guidelines for the collection and submission of both Club Dues (\$50 - April 1) and Associates Dues (\$10 - June 1). (BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on 2020 MISGA Budget** - Treasurer Gary Manion prepared a variety of 2020 Pro-Forma Income Statements showing the financial results based upon various membership scenarios occurring in 2020. By unanimous vote, the Board approved utilization of the Pro-Forma Income Statements. (BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20)

* **2020 MISGA Budget** - Treasurer Gary Manion presented and explained the proposed MISGA budget for 2020. Issues discussed included: (1) Income Statement Comparisons, (2) Proposed 2020 Budget and (3) Balance Sheet. A motion was made to accept the budget and was approved by the Board of Directors. The budget is scheduled for ratification at the Annual Club Reps Meeting on March 31, 2020. (BoD Meeting - 2/13/20)

* **2020 MISGA Budget** - Treasurer Gary Manion presented and explained the proposed MISGA budget for 2020. Issues discussed included: (1) Income Statement Comparisons, (2) Proposed 2020 Budget, (3) Income Statement Comparison and (3) Balance Sheet. A motion was made and approved by the Board of Directors to postpone ratification until the February 2020 Board meeting. (BoD Meeting - 12/3/19)

* **Anonymous \$5,000 gift to subsidize the annual MISGA Past Presidents Tournament** - In 1990, an anonymous \$5,000 gift was made by a MISGA associate (Merle Shumaker - Crofton) to subsidize the prize pool of the annual Past Presidents Tournament. The subsidy would begin in 1991.

A Certificate of Deposit was to be purchased with the annual interest used to subsidize the prize pool. According to available MISGA financial records, as of May 8, 2001, the balance of the endowment was \$5,000.50. Since then the amount of unused interest accrued by the CD is \$2,188.91. However, over the years, the MISGA treasury has provided a \$150 subsidy to the tournament.

Treasurer Gary Manion and Historian Lloyd Stimson conducted an in-depth review of the: (1) MISGA BoD Meeting minutes, (2) MISGA Board Action documents (*both annual & cumulative*) and (3) MISGA Championship Tournament history records. Their review revealed there is no written record of when the \$150 subsidy began nor by whom it was initiated.

Manion and Stimson recommended the \$150 subsidy continue. Manion elucidated the current 1.6% CD interest rate should yield an annual interest income of \$80. This income can be used for a portion of the \$150 subsidy and the MISGA unrestricted general operations revenue can be used to fund the remaining \$70 (*i.e.*, $\$80 + \$70 = \$150$). This recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors. (*BoD Meeting - 12/3/19*)

* **Division Operations Payments** - Treasurer Gary Manion recommended, that since the actual Associates Dues collected during the year is much greater than was anticipated in the 2019 Budget, Division Operations payments (*for travel, trophies, golf entry fees, special events, meals, etc.*) be increased by \$2,375 or the amount of the positive revenue variance. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors. (*BoD Meeting - 9/10/19*)

* **Associates & Club Dues Checks** - Associates Chairman Jim Wilcox recommended that, to avoid confusion for Division Treasurers and delays for the MISGA treasury, both the "Associated Dues" and "Club Dues" checks be remitted direct to the MISGA Treasurer. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors. (*BoD Meeting - 9/10/19*)

* **2019 MISGA Budget** - Treasurer Gary Manion presented and discussed the revised 2019 MISGA Budget. Issues discussed included: (1) costs for liability insurance (*Liability & Directors & Officers*), (2) IRS Form 990N-E2, (3) allocations for Division "operating expenses" and (4) the increase in "associates dues". A motion was made and approved by the Board of Directors and ratified at the 2019 Annual Club Reps Meeting. (*BoD Meeting - 2/6/19 & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19*)

* **Director & Officers Liability Insurance** - To replace a more costly policy (*current = \$2,200 per annum*), Treasurer Gary Manion purchased a Director & Officers liability insurance policy from Chubb for an annual cost of \$475.00. The new policy provides the same coverage of the previous policy. As they are not considered "officers" of MISGA, Club Representatives are not covered by the policy. (*Club Reps Meeting - 2/6/19*)

* **Associates Dues: Increase** - Treasurer Gary Manion reported that MISGA had incurred three consecutive years of bottom line losses totaling \$11,412. He also reported that, because of MISGA's declining membership, "associates dues" revenues have declined. To rectify these problems, Manion recommended that MISGA's annual "associates dues" be increased. The Board unanimously voted to increase the "associates' dues" from \$5 annually to \$10 annually. (BoD Meeting - 12/13/18)

* **Investment Programs** - Treasurer Gary Manion reported that revenues from MISGA's investment programs have been minimal. He recommended that the investment programs be transferred to a more reputable financial institution that provides a better rate of return, has fewer time restrictions and provides more liquidity. The Board unanimously voted to approve Manion's recommendation. (BoD Meeting - 12/13/18)

* **Division "Operating Expenses"** - Treasurer Gary Manion reported that Division "operating expenses" allocations from the MISGA Treasury will be 10% less than what was distributed during CY-2018. (BoD Meeting - 12/13/18)

* **MISGA Insurance Policy** - During the December 7, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting, Vice President Greg Morris expressed concern about the cost of the MISGA insurance policy - \$3,600 per annum. Membership Chairman Carl Lazar volunteered to investigate the reasonability of the cost with his son, who is an administrator in the insurance industry. They determined that MISGA was not being overcharged. (BoD Meeting - 2/21/18)

* **2016 MISGA Budget** - Treasurer Dick Schwinger presented the 2016 MISGA budget to the Board for review and discussion. Action taken by the Board to recommend amendments were as follows:

- 1 - not approved
- 2 - requires no action
- 3 - adopted as described
- 4 - not approved
- 5 - not approved

The Board returned the budget to Schwinger and instructed him to develop an amendment that rectifies any existing budget deficit by readjusting the amount of the allotments to the divisions for their "operating expenses." (BoD Meeting - 2/24/16)

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

* The motion to prohibit MISGA from making monetary donations to charitable organizations was approved. If they so desire, MISGA associates may make voluntary contributions. (BoD Meeting - 9/2/08)

* *Operation Second Chance (OSC)* - Rather than making a cash donation from the MISGA Treasury to support the OSC's October 2008 golf tournament, it was decided that voluntary cash donations from MISGA associates would be used. With a goal of \$6,000, Fund Chairman Charlie Fieldhouse collected \$6,500. (*Annual Club Representative Meeting - 4/7/08*)

* *Operation Second Chance (OSC)* is a charity organization that provides support to wounded veterans from the USA's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. To support its special golf tournament on October 2007, the OSC requested financial assistance from MISGA. A \$5,000 donation from MISGA's Treasury was approved. (*Annual Club Representative's Meeting - 4/17/07*)

* *9/11 Disaster Relief Fund* - Charlie Fieldhouse initiated a charity drive to collect voluntary contributions from MISGA associates to support the Baltimore Sun's Disaster Relief Fund for victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. \$18,195 was collected and presented to the Relief Fund Office. (*BoD Meeting - 10/21/01*)

* **Charity Events** - Subsequent to extensive discussion of the proposal, the Board decreed that MISGA will not be allowed to host charity events. The hosting of charity events will be the decision of each Division and its respective clubs. (*Annual Club Representatives Meeting - 4/27/92*)

* **Club Dues: Failure to Pay** - Two of MISGA's clubs had failed to pay their 2010 club dues. The Board directed that, to collect the overdue club dues, the amount owed would be deducted from the clubs' "operational expenses" allocation for 2011. (*BoD Meeting - 3/21/11*)

* **Budget Surplus** - The motion was made and approved, that in lieu of the surplus rebate to divisions and clubs, MISGA's 2010 surplus funds will be divided equally between MISGA's two Championship Tournaments: 2-Man Team and Past Presidents-ABCD in 2011. (*BoD Meeting 12/08/09 and Annual Club Representatives Meeting - 4/12/10*)

* **Associates Dues: Decrease** - As a result of the decision to discontinue publishing and mailing hardcopies of the MISGAgram to MISGA associates, a motion to reduce the MISGA's annual "associates dues" from \$10 to \$5 was approved - beginning January 1, 2010. (*BoD Meeting - 12/8/09*)

* **2009 MISGA Budget** - The motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's MISGA Budget for 2009. The budget includes a surplus rebate of \$8,000 to be allocated to the Divisions for their "operating expenses". (*BoD Meeting - 3/18/09*)

* **Budget Surplus: Refund** - The motion was made and approved to refund MISGA's \$10,000

budget surplus to the member clubs. The amount refunded to each club will be based its percentage of the total MISGA membership. (BoD Meeting - 9/2/08)

* **IRS compliance** - To comply with IRS non-profit organization requirements, a motion was made and approved to place \$14,000 of MISGA's current surplus funds into a Certificate of Deposit (classified as a Tournament Fund). (BoD Meeting - 3/19/08)

* **Division "Operating Expenses" Fund: Increase** - Because of an insufficient amount of divisional "operating expenses" funds in the MISGA Treasury, DD-2 Tom Taylor submitted a travel reimbursement voucher to the MISGA Treasurer to recompense the fund shortage. The voucher was rejected. However, a motion was made and approved that the MISGA Treasury double next year's allocated divisional "operating expenses" fund and to reimburse Division II for the aforementioned fund shortage. (BoD Meeting - 12/4/07)

* **Division "Operating Expenses" Fund: Increase** - The motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's proposal to increase the MISGA budget by 5% annually. This increase will be used to support divisional "operating expenses". Included is a provision that directs three annual allotments be made to the divisions as the Treasurer and Division Directors agree upon. (BoD Meeting - 9/11/07)

* **Division "Operating Expenses" Fund: Report** - The motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report for 2007. The report includes a provision for the allocation of funds to the divisions for their "operating expenses". It further stated that this allocation will continue until the Board of Directors votes to revise it. (BoD Meeting - 9/11/07)

* **Associates Dues: Increase** - As a result of the increase in MISGA's "associates dues" for 2006, Planning & Policy Committee Chairman, Ken Wallgren submitted the committee's proposed MISGA budgets for the years 2006 and 2007. The two budgets include increased funding allocations for: (1) division "operating expenses", (2) 1st class postage for mailing of the MISGAgram (4 issues), (3) one-time printing of the publication - *MISGA History (1996-2005)*, (4) increase the travel mileage rate and (5) a 10% increase for the purchase of trophies and rewards. The proposal was unanimously approved. (BoD Meeting - 6/7/05)

MILAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE - To reimburse MISGA officials (Board of Directors, Committee Chairmen, Division Directors, Assistant Division Directors, Division Chairmen, Club Representatives, Assistant Club Representatives, etc.) for their travel expenses to attend official MISGA organizational meetings, a motion was made and approved to equate the **per mile** reimbursement amount to the IRS allowance. (BoD Meeting - 6/7/05)

2019 - \$0.58
2009 - \$0.55
2008 - \$0.50
2007 - \$0.48
2005 - \$0.40

* **2006 MISGA Budget** - A motion was made and unanimously approved directing Planning & Policy Chairman, Ken Wallgren to convene a committee with the task of developing a MISGA budget for 2006 that incorporates the increased "associates dues" and "club dues". (BoD Meeting - 12/9/04)

* **Associates Dues** - A motion was made and unanimously approved to increase MISGA's annual "associates dues" from \$5 to \$10 - effective January 2006 and to increase MISGA's annual "club dues" to \$50 - effective January 2005. (BoD Meeting - 12/9/04)

* **Pro-Am Tournament Reimbursement** - A motion was made and unanimously approved to allocate \$350.00 from the MISGA treasury to reimburse Holly Hills CC and Norbeck CC for the Mid-Atlantic PGA fee they were required to pay for hosting each club's Pro-Am Tournament. (BoD Meeting - 12/9/04)

* **Prize Pool** - A motion was made and approved to increase the prize pool payout percentage for the playing field in MISGA golfing events from 25% to 33%. (BoD Meeting - 5/22/02)

* **Entry Fee Refund** - The Board instructed MISGA Treasurer, Tom Tarpley, to refund the entry fee (\$55 each) to two participants of the 2001 MISGA 2-Man Team Championship Tournament and one participant of the 2001 MISGA Past Presidents-ABCD Championship Tournament. Both had valid justification for having to withdraw from the tournaments. (BoD Meeting - 12/5/01)

* **Pocket Patches** - A motion was made and approved by the Board to purchase ten *Past President* pocket patches for issuance to MISGA's future past presidents. This purchase will also include pocket patches for MISGA's currently serving *President* and *Vice President*. These two patches will be passed to the successors. (BoD Meeting - 5/17/01)

* **Annual Club Dues** - The Board directed that item 4, the Summary section of the MISGA Guidelines be revised to read: *The Club Representative is responsible for remitting the annual dues for his club by April 1 of each year directly to the MISGA Treasurer.* (BoD Meeting - 9/19/00)

* **Division Operating Expenses** - DD-4, C.J. Myers proposed that the annual MISGA allocation to divisions for "operating expenses" be increased from \$300 to \$400. To offset this increase, Myers

proposed that MISGA "club dues" be increased from \$25 to \$35. The motion was approved unanimously. (BoD Meeting - 9/21/99)

* **MISGA Check Signature Authority** - General Counsel Joe Malinowski recommended that any check issued by MISGA for the amount of \$2,500 or more require two authorized signatures. The Board approved the recommendation. (BoD Meeting - 7/14/92)

* **1st Class Postage Payments** - The motion was made and approved, that beginning with Fiscal Year 1993 (i.e., October 1, 1992), the MISGA Treasury will pay the entire 1st class postage for all events. Currently, MISGA pays the difference between bulk mail and 1st class rates. (BoD Meeting - 1/14/92)

* The Board directed that MISGA employ the **Rockville Mailing Service** company for the mailing of four-piece items (i.e., MISGAgram). (BoD Meeting - 10/23/85)

* **MISGA Tax Free Status** - MISGA Treasurer, Sid Rapoport, reported to the Board that MISGA's application for tax-free status has been approved. (BoD Meeting - 6/12/84)

MISGA ASSOCIATES DUES - Article III, C of the MISGA Constitution stipulates that continued membership by an associate is contingent upon payment of annual dues as established by the Board of Directors.

2019 - \$10
2010 - \$5
2006 - \$10
1994 - \$4
Beginning - \$2.50

MISGA CLUB DUES - Article III, C of the MISGA Constitution stipulates that continued membership by a club is contingent upon payment of annual dues as established by the Board of Directors.

2005 - \$50
2000 - \$35
Beginning - \$25

MISGA MIXER PRIZE POOL - To enhance the enjoyment of associates playing in a MISGA mixer, the Board of Directors established a prize pool for the winners - a club pro-shop gift certificate.

The amount allocated from each associate's mixer entry fee was set at:

2000 - \$5

1995 - \$4

1988 - \$3 (*BoD Meeting - 6/2/88*)

J. GENERAL COUNSEL

* **Coronavirus Impact on MISGA Mixers** - Under the current pandemic directives, clubs should not hold MISGA mixers. Counsel Jim Ewalt reiterated that an official MISGA mixer could place MISGA in a violation of directives status and open for legal action. (*BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20*)

* **Coronavirus Legal Ramifications for MISGA** - Counsel Jim Ewalt stated that MISGA must adhere to and comply with all Federal, state, local and medical directives during the pandemic. Violations could place MISGA in an unlawful status and subject to legal action. (*BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20*)

K. HISTORY COMMITTEE

* **MISGA Publications: Hard Copies** - History Chairman Charlie Field proposed that the bi-annual printing and distribution of a hard copy of the *History of Board Actions* be rescinded (approved at BoD Meeting - 2/20/01) . He further proposed that both the *History of Board Actions* and *Cumulative History of Board Actions* be updated annually and posted on the MISGA website and in the Archives. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 12/8/09*)

* **MISGA History (1996-2005): Distribution** - The Board directed that, unlike the 1975-1995 edition, no copies of the *MISGA History (1996-2005)* are to be sent to the libraries of St. Andrews Golf Club, USGA, PGA, Mid-Atlantic Golf Association, the National Golf Museum, Maryland Golf Association, Delaware Golf Association and a number of the major golf magazines. (*BoD Meeting - 6/7/05*)

* **MISGA History (1996-2005): Printing & Distribution** - A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Board to proceed with the printing of 5,000 color copies of the *MISGA History (1996-2005)*. Distribution will be made through the club representatives. (*BoD Meeting - 6/7/05*)

* **MISGA History (1996-2005): CD Purchase** - A motion was made and disapproved to provide \$1,500 in funds for the purchase of CD's for the *MISGA History (1996-2005)*. (*BoD Meeting - 9/7/04*)

* **History of Board Actions: Printing & Distribution** - History Chairman Bill Brown announced that the *History of Board Actions* has been updated and posted on the MISGA website. The Board directed that a hard copy of the document be printed and distributed every two years to club representatives at the Annual Club Representatives Meeting beginning in 2002. (BoD Meeting - 2/20/01)

* **MISGA History (1975-1995): Distribution** - The Board directed that a hard copy of the newly published edition of the *MISGA History (1975-1995)* be sent to the libraries of St. Andrews Golf Club, USGA, PGA, Mid-Atlantic Golf Association, the National Golf Museum, Maryland Golf Association, Delaware Golf Association and a number of the major golf magazines. (BoD meeting - 9/26/96)

L. MISGAGRAM COMMITTEE

* **MISGAGRAM** - After discussion, the Board agreed the MISGAGRAM should continue to be published. It is a significant document for providing MISGA leadership officials, associates and member golf club staffs with vital information concerning MISGA and its operations. (BoD Teleconference - 9/21/20)

* **Coronavirus Impact on the MISGAGRAM** - The Board voted, unanimously, to continue publication of the MISGAGRAM for calendar year 2020. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)

* **MISGAGram: Hardcopies** - Editor Byron Keadle announced that, effective January 1, 2010, hardcopies of the MISGAGram will no longer be printed. Henceforth, the MISGAGram will be posted for view on the MISGA website. (Annual Club Representatives Meeting - 4/12/10)

* **MISGAGram: Electronic** - As a result of the discontinuation of the printing and mailing of hard copies of the Editor Byron Keadle proposed a temporary revision of the MISGAGram Committee By-laws to reflect the transformation. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 12//8/09)

1. The MISGAGram Committee members will include the Editor (*MISGAGram Committee Chairman*), Webmaster of the MISGA website, and an "associate" from each division who will be responsible for collecting and forwarding divisional news items to Editor.

2. The Editor will be responsible for the preparation of the MISGAGram and for transmitting it to the Webmaster for posting on the MISGA website and to the History Chairman for posting in the Archives.

3. The Editor will be responsible for initiating the Global Email Distribution System to notify "associates", via e-mail, that the MISGAGram is available for view only on the MISGA website.

- * **Discontinue Hardcopies** - As of April 2010, MISGA will discontinue publishing and mailing hardcopies of the MISGAgram to MISGA associates. It will be available only on the MISGA website. The conversion from hardcopy to electronic copy greatly reduced the MISGAgram's production costs - eliminating IT contractor, printing and postage expenses. *(BoD Meeting - 12/8/09)*
- * **1st Class Postage** - Policy & Planning Committee Chairman, Ken Wallgren's proposed budget included support for "1st class postage" for the mailing of four issues per year of the MISGAgram. The Board unanimously approved the proposal. *(BoD Meeting - 6/7/05)*
- * **Hardcopy Requests** - Associates Chairman, Charlie Fieldhouse proposed that an entry reflecting an "associate's" request to receive a hardcopy of the MISGAgram by USPS be added to Form 5-89. The proposal was unanimously approved. *(BoD Meeting - 1/20/04)*
- * **Decrease Number of Issues** - To reduce postage costs, President Ken Wallgren's motion to reduce, from four to three, the number of times per year the MISGAgram would be printed and distributed to "associates" -following the schedule below. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board. *(BoD Meeting - 9/16/03)*

January - to include Spring Fling information

May - to include Fall Fling information

September/October - to include Winter Fling information

- * **Adobe Page Maker** - DD-2 Ken Wallgren made a motion that MISGA purchase the *Adobe Page Maker (APM)* software application (*cost* - \$296). The *APM* would enable the Editor to expeditiously print and mail the MISGAgram, resulting in cost savings. The *APM* would remain in the possession of the Editor and be available for use by other MISGA Committee Chairmen. The motion was approved unanimously. *(BoD Meeting - 12/12/02)*
- * **MISGAgram: Hardcopy vs. Electronic** - Policy & Planning Chairman Bob Nicholson presented his committee's report on the question of the pros & cons of printing and mailing a hardcopy of the MISGAgram versus posting it on the *MISGA Web Page*. As a result, the Board proposed the establishment of an *ad hoc committee*, chaired by the MISGA Vice President, to conduct a two-year test/transition study of website communications with the consideration of other recommendations. A motion was made and approved by the Board. *(BoD Meeting - 5/22/02)*
- * **3rd Class Postage** - Editor Dick Hunt made a motion to shift the USPS mailing of the next two issues of the MISGAgram (*May & August*) from 1st class postage to 3rd class postage. The inclusion of Fling/Frolic info sheets & application forms had significantly increased the weight of the MISGAgram and the high number of color photographs had increased the production costs. The motion was approved unanimously. *(BoD Meeting - 5/17/01)*

M. POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

- * **2021 Annual Club Reps Meeting** - Because of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions it was acknowledged that a normal full attendance meeting with club reps, divisional leadership staffs and the Board of Directors cannot be held. Hence, MP Rowland recommended that division level teleconferences be held. Rowland requested that Division Directors begin making plans for the conduct of a Division Teleconference. MISGA level reports will be prepared by MISGA's officers and Chairs for distribution to Division staff personnel and club representatives. (BoD Teleconference - 2/8/21)
- * **Mixer Prize Pools** - Policy & Planning Committee Chairman, Bob Brewer proposed that an amendment involving MISGA mixer "prize pools" be made to *The Guidelines* manual. Brewer proposed that the amount allocated from each associate's mixer entry fee be set at a minimum of \$5. A motion was made, seconded and approved. Note: Mixer Prize Pool history is located in the Financial section - page 22. (BoD Meeting - 12/7/16)
- * **T/E Reports** - Policy & Planning Committee Chairman, Earl Gayler instructed Board members to inform their divisions that all MISGA Tournament / Event Financial Reports (T/E Reports) are to be submitted to the MISGA Auditor not the MISGA Treasurer. A number of MISGA tournament coordinators have been erroneously submitting their T/E Reports to the MISGA Treasurer. (BoD Meeting - 12/7/10)

N. RULES & HANDICAP COMMITTEE

- * The Board assigned Wayne Rowland (*Rules & Hdcp*s) and Greg Morris (*ADD6 & Tournaments*) the task of reviewing and updating MISGA's policies and procedures for posting golf scores and maintaining associate handicap indices in compliance with the USGA's *Rules of Handicapping*. (BoD Teleconference - 6/20/22)
- * **Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN)** - MP & RHC Wayne Rowland announced that MISGA's member clubs will be required to enroll and offer the GHIN service to its members. GHIN replaces GolfNet. It is compatible with Golf Genius. (BoD Teleconference - 2/8/21)
- * **Bay Hills GC score posting system** - Currently, the BHGC score posting and handicap determination system is not compatible with the USGA's 2020 *Rules of Handicapping* nor the MSGA score posting system. It does not provide an exact handicap index as determined and required by the USGA. This diverse handicap index creates an ineligibility problem for BHGC associates who desire to participate in MISGA golfing events. An agreement was reached between Jeff Hild (MISGA President), Wayne Rowland (MISGA Vice President & Rules & Handicap Chair) and Carl Lazar (BHGC Club Rep). BHGC will purchase and install a score posting system that is compatible with the

USGA Rules of Handicapping and the MSGA posting system. BHGC was granted the 2020 golf season to fulfill the agreement. (BoD Meeting - 2/13/20)

* **New USGA Rules** - Rules & Handicap Chairman Wayne Rowland proposed that three USGA "local option rules" be adopted MISGA-wide for 2019. He further proposed the three rules be presented to the attendees at the April 2, 2019 Annual Club Representatives Meeting at Prospect Bay CC. The specific rules included: (1) maximum score posting, (2) out-of-bounds/lost ball and (3) time limit for round of play. The Board voted to approve the "new USGA proposed local rules presentation". (BoD Meeting - 2/6/19 and ratified at the Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19)

* **Handicap Index** - The Board decreed that MISGA will comply with Section 3-4 of *The USGA Handicap System* manual - The maximum Handicap Index is 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women. (BoD Meeting - 9/15/09)

* **Optional Tee Placements** - After a far ranging discussion, the Board decreed that MISGA tee placements must comply with Section III of *The USGA Handicap System* manual. References to specific "handicap and age ranges" must be deleted from *MISGA Tournament Guidelines*. However, the use of alternate tee placements in standard mixers, divisional qualifiers, MCTs, Flings & Frolics, special golfing events, etc. is optional as determined by the host club, the club representative or the event/tournament coordinator. "Associates" may select to play from any available option, but must inform the host club in advance of the event. All optional tee placements must be rated in accordance with the *USGA Handicap System* manual. (BoD Meeting - 3/2/06)

* **Handicap Indices** - A motion by the Rules & Handicap Committee and the Policy & Planning Committee to clarify MISGA's compliance with the USGA handicap system was approved unanimously. It requires all players in any MISGA event to have a valid USGA handicap index maintained and computed at their home club. MISGA associates who fail to maintain a valid USGA handicap index at an approved USGA course will not be allowed to play in MISGA sponsored events. (BoD Meeting - 6/7/05)

* **Handicap Committee: Official Status** - C.J. Myers proposed a By-law change making the current *ad hoc Rules & Handicap Committee* a permanent MISGA committee. After a lengthy discussion resulting in modification of the proposal, a motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 12/12/02)

* **Handicap Committee: Official Status** - Vice President/DD-3 Sam Hall inquired as to whether the *ad hoc Rules & Handicap Committee* should continue as is or be converted to permanent status. After discussion, Hall made a motion the Committee remain in its *ad hoc* status. The motion was approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 12/5/01)

* **Training Package** - Vice President/DD-3 Sam Hall distributed a "pilot program" packet of

documents and materials designed to educate "associates" with the USGA's *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf* and to encourage their adherence to the established guidelines - handicap reporting, etiquette, etc. Hall recommended the materials be presented to MISGA officials and "associates" on a monthly basis. The Board commended Hall for a job well done and approved a one year trial program. (BoD Meeting - 2/20/01)

* **Handicap Committee: Official Status** - President Duke Rowdon recommended the establishment of a new standing committee to enhance education and oversight in the management of handicaps and observance of the rules of golf. Rowdon assigned DD-3 Sam Hall the responsibility for creating an *ad hoc Rules & Handicap Committee* in order to evaluate the concept. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 9/19/00)

* **Handicap Allowance** - DD-3 Sam Hall proposed that MISGA adopt Section 9-4, b (ii) of *The USGA Handicap System* manual: *Participants will receive a "handicap allowance" equal to 90% of their course handicap in Four-Ball Stroke Play events.* After conducting an analysis of mixer scoring results, DD-4 C.J. Myers found little difference between 100% and 90% scoring results. The Board recommended optional application of the USGA guideline by MISGA member clubs when using the "two best balls of the four" format in mixers. (BoD Meeting - 9/21/99)

* **Posting Scores** - At the Sept. 15, 1998 BoD Meeting, DD-3 George Shenk asserted that, because prize pool gift certificates are awarded, MISGA mixer scores should be posted as "tournament scores". ADD-3 Sam Hall volunteered to contact the USGA for consultation. The USGA response was that MISGA mixer scores should NOT be posted as "tournament scores" for handicap purposes (*only 4 of 5 criteria were met*). Only MISGA's Championship Tournaments, divisional qualifiers, member-guest tournaments, etc. are to be posted as "tournament scores". A motion was made and approved by the board. The USGA response will be placed in the February 1999 edition of the MISGAgram. (BoD Meeting - 12/3/98)

* **Team Captain** - To speed-up play, the Board directed that the "low handicap" player in a foursome serve as the team captain. He would be responsible for keeping the team moving to prevent slow play. (BoD Meeting - 9/14/95)

* **Tie Breakers** - The Board decreed that MISGA will comply with Section 9-5, a, iii of *The USGA Handicap System* manual - The initial tie-breaker will be the best score attained for the last nine holes (10-18), then the last six holes (13-18), then the last three holes (16-18) and finally the 18th hole. Should a tie still exist, the match will be a hole-by-hole match beginning with the #1 handicap hole and proceeding to the #2 handicap hole and so on until the tie is broken. (BoD Meeting - 3/2/95)

* **Posting Scores** - The Board directed that, for official handicap posting, all club representatives be instructed to post MISGA tournaments and special outings as "tournament scores". (BoD Meeting

O. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

* **MISGA Past Presidents (ABCD) Championship Tournament Tee Placements** - The Board voted to continue to allow all participants who wish to compete for the Gross Grand Champion title and trophy to select and play from the "A" flight tee placement boxes. They will be eligible to compete for all prizes in the "A" flight. They will be ineligible to compete for prizes in any other flight. (BoD Meeting - 6/19/23)

* **MISGA Championship Tournament Subsidies** - The Board voted to increase the MISGA subsidy payments to both the 2 Player Team and Past Presidents (ABCD) to \$1,000 each. (BoD Meeting - 6/19/23)

* **2023 MISGA Championship Tournaments** - By written report, Tournament Chair Greg Morris informed the Board of the location and date of the two 2023 MISGA Championship Tournaments: 2-Player Team - Holly Hills CC - Monday, August 21, 2023 and Past Presidents (ABCD) - Crofton CC - Monday, July 31, 2023. The entry fee for both tournaments is \$110 per person (to ensure tournament quality - \$10 pp increase over the 2022 MCTs). (BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23)

* **2022 MISGA Championship Tournaments** - Tournament Chair Greg Morris informed the Board of the location and date of the two 2022 MISGA Championship Tournaments: 2-Player Team - Montgomery CC - Monday, August 22, 2022 and Past Presidents (ABCD) - Crofton CC - Monday, September 26, 2022. The entry fee for both tournaments is \$100 per person (a \$5 increase over the 2021 MCTs). (BoD Teleconference - 1/19/22)

* **2021 MISGA Championship Tournaments** - Tournament Chair Greg Morris stated the location and date for the two 2021 MISGA Championship Tournaments remains the same. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic a number of issues must be resolved. Eligible participants must be fully vaccinated for the coronavirus. Past Presidents (ABCD) - Holly Hills - Monday, August 23, 2021 and 2-Player Team - Norbeck - Thursday, September 9, 2021 (BoD Teleconference - 2/8/21)

* **2021 MISGA Championship Tournaments** - Tournament Chairman Greg Morris provided the location, date and estimated entry fee for the two 2021 MISGA Championship Tournaments. Past Presidents (ABCD) - Holly Hills - Monday, August 23 - \$90 and 2-Player Team - Norbeck - Thursday, September 9 - \$90 (BoD Teleconference - 12/15/20)

* **2021 MISGA Championship Tournaments** - Tournament Chairman Greg Morris proposed the two 2021 Championship Tournaments be held late in the golfing season. Norbeck CC and Holly Hills CC are the projected host clubs. By unanimous vote, the Board agreed to the proposal. (BoD Teleconference - 9/21/20)

- * **Coronavirus Impact on MISGA Championship Tournaments (PP-ABCD & 2-Man Team)** - The Board voted, unanimously, to cancel both Championship Tournaments for calendar year 2020. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)
- * **Coronavirus Impact on MISGA Championship Tournaments (PP-ABCD & 2-Man Team)** - Tournament Chair Greg Morris stated that the PP-ABCD to be held July 20 at Holly Hills and the 2-Man Team to be held September 10 at Norbeck are still on, but the pandemic will determine whether or not they will be cancelled. In response to a question, Morris stated the "contract" with Norbeck should not be a problem. He further stated, that in the past, the Norbeck management staff has always been cooperative. The Board agreed to remain with the status quo. (BoD Teleconference - 4/8/20)
- * **MCT Guidelines** - On Tuesday, February 25, 2020, the Board's special committee to update the MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines for compliance with the 2020 USGA Rules for Handicapping met at Norbeck Country Club. Their task was accomplished. The MCT Guidelines have been updated and posted on the MISGA website.
- * **MCT Guidelines** - In January 2020, the USGA implemented significant changes to its Rules of Handicapping. A new guidebook was printed. As a result, MISGA must update its MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines and MCT guidebooks and tutorials. After an extensive discussion, the Board decided to establish a special committee with the task of up-dating the MCT Guidelines for compliance with the new USGA Rules for Handicapping. The committee included: Jeff Hild (MISGA President), Greg Morris (MISGA Tournament Chair), Wayne Rowland (MISGA Vice President & Rules & Handicap Chair), Jake Jacobi (MISGA Webmaster & DTC-4), Lloyd Stimson (MISGA History Chair & past MTC) and Don Hoffmeyer (DTC-2). (BoD Meeting - 2/13/20)
- * **MCT Schedule - 2020 (CANCELLED - Special BoD Teleconference - May 12, 2020)**
- * **Misappropriated 2019 Past Presidents (ABCD) Net Grand Champions Trophy** - Tournament Chairman Greg Morris and Tournament Coordinator Jake Jacobi reported that while the Net Grand Champion was redeeming his monetary winnings in the Norbeck CC Pro Shop, his trophy had disappeared from its resting place on his dining table. It has never been found. Hence, both recommended that a replacement trophy be procured and presented to the Net Grand Champion. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors. (BoD Meeting - 9/10/19)
- * **MCT Guidelines: Proposed Revisions** - Division 2 Board members requested revision of the MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines to: (BoD Meeting - 2/6/19)
 1. Section III, B, 3 - Allow associates from different MISGA clubs to be teammates in the 2-Man Team Tournament. The Board decided that exceptions to the established guideline may be granted upon formal application (because of special or emergency situations such as illness, injury, death, etc.) to the host club MISGA Tournament Committee.

2. Section IV, A - Allow associates to play from the front tee. This request has been made and discussed at previous Board meetings. For a number and variety of cited reasons, the Board rejected this request (*refer to attachment #1 below*).

* **Application of USGA Guidelines** - The Board directed MCT Committees to apply Section 3-3 and Section 10 of *The USGA Handicap System* manual to determine an associate's MCT *Course Handicap* when there is credible evidence (*extraordinary and exceptional performances at MCTs*) to indicate his MCT *Course Handicap* is inaccurate (*higher than his true playing ability*). This action is a result of a special committee's findings that a MISGA associate had been crowned Net Grand Champion 5 times and finished 1st or 2nd seven times in 14 MCTs during a seven year period. (BoD Meeting - 12/7/16)

* **MCT Special Events Prizes** - Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson recommended the Special Event Contest winners (*Closest-to-the-Pin & Closest-to-the-Line*) be awarded a box of golf balls (*a 12 pack*) or an equal share of cash from an established entry fee prize pool. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 9/13/16)

* **MISGA Subsidies to the MCTs** - In light of MISGA's continued surplus of funds, Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson recommended continuation of MISGA's financial support of the prize pool subsidies for the two MCTs. This includes the trophies and pro shop gift certificates. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 2/24/16)

* **MISGA Subsidies to the MCTs** - To reduce the reported surplus of funds in the MISGA Treasury, Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson proposed the MISGA treasury subsidize the prize pool of the two MISGA Championship Tournaments (*Past Presidents-ABCD & 2-Man Team*) in accordance with the chart below. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 12/2/14)

Tournament	Finalists	Prize Pool Total	Amt. Per Finalist	Entry Fee Share	MISGA Share	Total MISGA Share
PP-ABCD	100	\$1,640	\$16.40	\$10	\$6.40	\$640
2-Man Team	100	\$1,720	\$17.20	\$10	\$7.20	\$720
TOTAL						\$1,360

* **Retain MCTs High Quality** - The Board unanimously endorsed Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson's proposition that the two MISGA Championship Tournaments should continue as high class, regal golfing championships with enhanced amenities and their prominence should not be downsized. There had been some grumbling from a few associates that the MCTs were too costly. (BoD Meeting - 12/2/13)

* **Handicap Penalties** - Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson proposed to assess a handicap penalty on individuals and 2-Man Teams who have won the **Net Grand Champion** title in two successive MCTs. They will incur a 20% reduction in their course handicap the following year and an additional 10% for each successive year of winning. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 3/13/13)

* **Gift Certificates: MCT Grand Champions** - Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson proposed that the Gross and Net Grand Champions of both MCTs receive a Pro Shop Gift Certificate in addition to a trophy. Previously they had been awarded a trophy only. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 3/13/13)

* **MCT Guidelines Revisions** - The Board approved the following requests by Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson. (BoD Meeting - 9/11/12)

1. Permission to select the highest quality available club to host the MCTs within a reasonable distance of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.
2. Permit an equal 50/50 split of the prize pool for the Net and Gross 2-Man Team MCT winners.
3. Allow an appeal process for the "no substitute" rule regarding 2-Man Teams.

* **MCT Field Size Reduction** - To reduce the playing time for the two MISGA Championship Tournaments, Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson proposed a reduction of the field of the PP-ABCD from 128 participants to 100 and the 2-Man Team tournament be reduced from 64 teams to 50. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 12/6/11)

* **Automatic Eligibility for Gross & Net Grand Champions** - Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson made a proposal to grant the previous year's Gross and Net Grand Champions (PP-ABCD & 2-Man Team) eligibility to compete, without having to qualify, in the following year's MCT tournament. They will be required to pay the entry fee. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 9/13/11)

* **MCT Hosting Clubs** - Policy & Planning Chairman Bob Turner favored the concept that MISGA clubs hosting the two MISGA Championship Tournaments be within a 50 mile limit of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge (i.e., "rotation of clubs" from the BoD Meeting - 3/19/08). However, he recommended the Tournament Chairman should have flexibility (deviating from the 50 mile limit) when selecting the MCT hosting clubs and that the divisional alternating schedule remains. The Board affirmed Turner's recommendation. (BoD Meeting - 9/13/11)

* **MCT Guidelines** - Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson requested approval, for official use, the updated and revised *MISGA Championship Tournament Guidelines*. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 12/7/10)

* **Traveling Trophies** - Tournament Chairman Lloyd Stimson proposed retiring the two traveling Past Presidents Champion Bowls. Names of previous champions are worn thin and unreadable and

the logistics of retrieving & delivering plus the cost of engraving & postage are impractical. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 9/14/10)

* **Tee Placement** - Tournament Chairman Tom Tarpley proposed relocating the tee placement position for the two MISGA Championship Tournaments from the **forward** (white) tee placement to the **front** (gold) tee placement. He stated the front tee placement is more appropriate and suitable for senior golfers. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 3/18/09)

* **MCT Subsidy** - Tournament Chairman C.J. Myers requested a subsidy of \$640 (\$5 per participant x 128 participants) for the 2008 MISGA Past Presidents Championship Tournament at Piney Branch. This subsidy will enable MISGA to maintain the per participant entry fee at \$75. Discussion included concern of setting a negative precedent, should lunch be omitted, should the Tournament CD be used, etc. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 3/19/08)

* **MCT Hosting Clubs** - To reduce the travel time and distance for participants, Policy & Planning Chairman Earl Gayler proposed that the two MISGA Championship Tournaments be hosted by MISGA clubs located within 50 miles of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The Tournament Chairman would be responsible for selecting the rotation and contacting the clubs. A motion was made and the Board approved implementation of the 50 mile limitation with the "rotation of clubs" for a three year trial period. (BoD Meeting - 3/19/08)

* **Tournament Guidelines** - Policy & Planning Chairman Ken Wallgren and Tournament Chairman C.J. Myers presented a revised and updated copy of the "MISGA Tournaments Policy, Information, Instructions and Procedures". The project combined three separate documents into one document with two sections: A - MISGA Tournament Policy and B- Information, Instructions & Procedures. A motion was made and approved to accept and implement the document. (BoD Meeting - 12/4/07)

* **MCT Divisional Allocations** - Due to a continuous influx of new clubs and associates, Tournament Chairman C.J. Myers proposed that divisional allocations to the two MISGA Championship Tournaments be based on MISGA's membership level as of May 1. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 12/4/07)

* **Posting Qualifier Scores** - Tournament Chairman C.J. Myers requested authority to disallow "associates" who had not posted their "division qualifier scores" from participating in the MISGA Championship Tournaments. A motion was made, but after discussion, the motion was withdrawn. The Board referred the request to the Policy & Planning Committee for further evaluation and determination. (BoD Meeting - 9/11/07)

* **MCT 2MT Substitutes** - Tournament Chairman C.J. Myers proposed that teammates in the 2-Man Team MCT must be the same two who qualified in their division qualifying tournament. No substitutes will be allowed in the 2-Man Team MCT. A motion was made and approved. The edict will be incorporated in the MISGA Tournament Guidelines. (BoD Meeting - 9/11/07)

* **Golf Cart Problem** - At a "special board meeting", a request was made for MISGA to reimburse Shawnee for its expense of having to rent additional golf carts for the 2007 MISGA 2-Man Team Championship Tournament. The Board voted to allocate the necessary funds from the MISGA treasury and explicitly stipulated this was a one-time only bailout. The board further stipulated that no Tournament Chairman shall have the authority to demand/request a MISGA club hosting a MCT to rent more golf carts than the club possesses for its usual and customary conduct of business. (BoD Special Meeting - 4/17/07)

* **Golf Cart Problem** - The 2007 MISGA 2-Man Team Championship Tournament hosted by Shawnee CC experienced a shortage of golf carts for the finalists. As a result, Shawnee was obligated to rent additional golf carts. A proposal was made to have MISGA's "Anonymously Donated PP-ABCD Tournament Gift" reimburse Shawnee for the rental golf carts. The Board rejected the proposal. (BoD Meeting - 3/27/07)

* **MISGA 2-Man Team Divisional Qualifiers** - A motion was made and approved that the "8 stroke differential" requirement (i.e., Section 9-4, b (ii) of *The USGA Handicap System manual*) for partners in Divisional 2-Man Team Qualifiers be strictly enforced. (BoD Meeting - 3/8/05)

* **MCTs: Field Limits** - Policy & Planning Chairman Ken Wallgren made a motion to reconcile the By-laws and Guidelines to specify that the two MISGA Championship Tournaments be limited to 128 division qualified golfers. The motion was approved unanimously. (BoD Meeting - 3/8/05)

* **MISGA 2-Man Team Championship Tournament** - The Board decreed that the 2-Man Team MCT will abide by Section 9-4, b (ii) of *The USGA Handicap System manual*: *There will be an additional 10% reduction of each partner's "handicap allowance" if the partners' "handicap allowances" differ by more than 8 strokes.* The Board recommended this edict also apply to Divisional 2-Man Team Qualifiers. (BoD Meeting - 12/12/02)

* **Invitation: Past Presidents** -The Board declared that to honor and recognize MISGA's Past Presidents, they will be invited to participate, without having to qualify, in the annual *Past Presidents Championship Tournament*. They will be integrated into a flight commensurate with their course handicap. However, they will be required to pay the tournament entry fee. (BoD Meeting - 9/21/99)

* **MISGA 2-Man Team Championship Tournament** - The Board decreed that the 2-Man Team MCT will abide by Section 9-4, b (ii) of *The USGA Handicap System manual*: *Participants will receive a "handicap allowance" equal to 90% of their course handicap.* (BoD Meeting - 6/15/99)

* **Invitation: Past Presidents** - ADD-2 Charlie Fieldhouse made a motion that the current MISGA President be invited to participate, without having to qualify, in the annual *Past Presidents*

Championship Tournament. He will be required to pay the entry fee. The Board approved the motion by a 6-4 vote margin. (BoD Meeting - 9/15/98)

* **Tee Placement** - Until conclusive evaluation results are reported on the use of forward (gold) tee placements in mixers, the Board decreed the middle (white) tee placement will continue to be the official tee placement for the MISGA Championship Tournaments (PP-ABCD & 2-Man Team). (BoD Meeting - 6/17/97)

* **Posting Tournament Scores** - The Board decreed that the MISGA requirement that any player who receives a monetary prize or gift in a "tournament" must post his score as a tournament round. (BoD Meeting - 4/7/97 - Note: date is incorrect)

* **Incentives for Past Presidents** - The Board recommended that incentives be considered to encourage Past Presidents to participate in their namesake tournament - MISGA Past Presidents Tournament. (BoD Meeting - 9/14/95)

* **Renaming Presidents Tournament** - Tournament Chairman George Lipscomb recommended the *Presidents Tournament* be renamed the *Past Presidents Tournament* and that the winner's trophy remain with the winner's home club for one year. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 7/13/93)

* **To speed-up play** - Tournament Chairman George Lipscomb recommended that both MISGA Championship Tournaments be limited to 128 participants. A motion was made and approved unanimously by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 9/15/92)

* **Trophies -Presidents Tournament:** Tournament Chairman George Libscomb recommended that MISGA purchase: (BoD Meeting - 9/15/92)

1. Two rotating trophies (*bowls*) - one for the *low gross* winner and one for the *low net* winner. Each trophy would be engraved with the name, year and home club of the winner.

2. Two individual trophies - one for the *low gross* winner and one for the *low net* winner. After a lengthy discussion on the method of payment for the trophies was agreed upon, a motion was made and approved unanimously by the Board.

* **Dispersal of Presidents Tournament CD Funds** - The Board designated the Tournament Chairman as the MISGA official who has the responsibility for ensuring that the dividends from the *Presidents Tournament CD* are disbursed to host club Tournament Coordinator. (BoD Meeting - 7/14/92)

* **Selecting Tournament Dates** - To provide more flexibility for selecting tournament dates for the two MISGA Championship Tournaments, President Merle Shumaker proposed that, rather than picking a fixed annual date for each of the two tournaments, MISGA should designate the last two weeks in August for one tournament and the first two weeks in September for the other tournament. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 9/23/91)

- * **Determining Division Allocations** - President Merle Shumaker proposed that division quotas for the two MISGA Championship Tournaments be based on the percentage of "associates" each Division represents of the total MISGA membership as reported in the *MISGA Associates Report of Dues Paid* from December of the previous year. A motion was made and approved. (BoD Meeting - 7/16/91)
- * **Divisional MCT Selection Methods** - Tournament Chairman George Lipscomb reported that some divisions have been experiencing difficulty attracting participants for the *Presidents Tournament*. He also reported that some divisions are not following established MISGA tournament instructions. To rectify the problems, Lipscomb proposed that each division be allowed to determine any equitable method it wishes to use for selecting their finalists for the two MISGA Championship Tournaments (*a qualifying tournament, first to pay entry fee, a lottery, a quota from each club, etc.*) A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 7/16/91)
- * **Prize Pool** - Tournament Chairman George Lipscomb proposed the *Presidents Tournament* prize pool be funded by interest earnings from MISGA's Certificate of Deposit, supplemented by entry fees, and that no funds come from the MISGA treasury. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 3/8/91)
- * **Anonymous Gift** - An anonymous MISGA associate made a contribution of \$5,000 to the MISGA treasury. The contribution is designated to augment the prize pool of the *Presidents Tournament*. (BoD Meeting - 4/23/90)
- * **MCT Funds Management** - Funds for all MISGA tournaments should be managed by the Tournament Directors and reported to the Treasurer rather than have all funds funnel through the Treasurer. This would provide more flexibility for the Tournament Director and Committees as well as more timely payment of bills and relieve the Treasurer of much unnecessary detail. (BoD Meeting - 1/26/83)

P. WEBSITE COMMITTEE

- * **MISGA Webmaster** - Ken Bacon (*UofMD*) will replace Jake Jacobi as the MISGA Webmaster in 2024. Approved by the attending BoD members. (BoD Meeting - 12/5/23)
- * Upon expressed need by the Board, Ken Bacon (*UofMD*) volunteered to serve as Assistant Webmaster. He was accepted by the attending BoD members. (BoD Meeting & Annual Club Reps Meeting - 3/22/23)
- * Webmaster Jake Jacobi reported the MISGA website is in dire need of technical upgrading. With an antiquated system and its massive collection of reports, rosters, guidelines, charts,

documents, club pages, schedules, photos, etc., the website has become difficult to manage and maintain. The Board unanimously approved Jacobi's request to recruit an IT technician to help him upgrade the system. Also, in case of an emergency, the Board approved a recommendation to appoint and train an Assistant Webmaster. (BoD Teleconference - 1/19/22)

* **Coronavirus Impact on the MISGA Website** - The Board voted, unanimously, to continue operation of the MISGA website for calendar year 2020. (BoD Teleconference - 5/12/20)

* **MISGA Website: Clean-Up** - Webmaster Jake Jacobi requested permission to "clean-up" the MISGA website. He reported there was much redundant and overlapping information on the website. The Board approved the request. (BoD Meeting - 2/6/19)

* **Delegation of Responsibility** - The Board directed that responsible MISGA officials are instructed to submit to the Webmaster, no later than March 1, all additions, deletions and changes to the MISGA Leadership Roster (*Division Directors, Assistant Division Directors, Club Reps, Assistant Club Reps, Club Pros, etc.*). In addition, these revisions are to be forwarded to the Associates Chairman. Information to be submitted includes: title, name, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number. (BoD Meeting - 12/1/06)

* **MISGA Website Development Committee** - President Ken Wallgren proposed the creation of a formal *Web Committee*. The committee would be responsible for the design, management and maintenance of a *MISGA Website*. The website will provide relevant and useful information and data to MISGA officials and associates. Members of the committee include: Webmaster - Dick Walsh, Assistant Webmaster - Byron Keadle (*liaison - MISGAgram*); Assistant Webmaster - Tom Tarpley (*business liaison - Web Hosting Company*). Dick Walsh was assigned the responsibility of developing a listing of the committee's duties and responsibilities for inclusion in Section VI of the MISGA By-laws. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Board. (BoD Meeting - 2/12/03)

* **MISGA Web Page** - Secretary Dick Walsh announced the establishment of a *MISGA Web Page* at <http://pages.prodigynet/dickwalsh>. It contains the MISGA Leadership Roster, driving directions to all of MISGA's member clubs, the "minutes" to board meetings and links to individual club websites. (BoD Meeting - 9/19/00)

Q. ADMISSION & WITHDRAWAL OF CLUBS

ADMISSIONS: * No longer in MISGA (R) = Reinstated

2023 - None

2022 - Glade Valley (R)

2021 - None

2020 - None

2019 - None
2018 - Eagle's Nest, Hampshire Greens, Northwest
2017 - Woodmore (R), Blue Mash, Argyle (R)
2016 - Walden (R)
2015 - Timbers of Troy
2014 - Hollow Creek*
2013 - Hooper's Landing, Rookery North*, River House*
2011 - Compass Pointe
2010 - Cross Creek, Fountain Head, Garrisons Lake (R)
2009 - Nassawango*, Musket Ridge, Cress Creek, Hunters Oak*
2008 - Links at Challedon, Bay Club (R)
2007 - Beach Club (R)*, Fort Meade*, Bear Trap Dunes*, Fairway Hills
2006 - Rattlewood
2005 - Hog Neck
2003 - Winters Run, Bay Club*
2002 - Deer Run*
2001 - Jonathan's Landing*, Oceans Resort*, Easton (now River House)*
2000 - Bretton Woods
1999 - Hunt Valley (R), Bay Hills, Beach Club*
1998 - Garrison Lake
1997 - Wild Quail, Shawnee*, Great Hope*, Bear Creek (now Westminster National), Prince Georges (now Woodmore),
1996 - Glade Valley, Hobbit's Glen
1995 - Cripple Creek*, Maple Dale*, Walden (R), Eagle Creek
1993 - Marlborough*, Quail Valley,
1992 - Patuxent Greens*, Nutters Crossing*,
1989 - Waynesboro*
1987 - Eastern Shore*, Hobbits Glen,
1985 - Andrews AFB*, Bowie*,
1984 - Norbeck, U.S. Naval Academy,
1983 - Prospect Bay
1982 - Sussex Pines*
1981 - Chester River, Marlborough*, Martingham*, Wakefield Valley*,
1980 - Crofton, Ocean Pines*, Piney Branch*,
1979 - Green Hill*, Ocean City*, Rolling Road*, Shawnee*, Sparrows Point, University of Maryland,
1978 - Fountain Head*, Seaford* (now Hooper's Landing),
1977 - Argyle, Beaver Creek, Cambridge*, Caroline*, Chartwell, Elks*, Harbournowne*, Holly Hills, Hunt Valley, Indian Spring*, Nassawango*, Talbot*, Tantallon (now National), VFW*,

Washingtonian*, Woodmont*

1976 - Bethesda*, Brooke Manor*, Congressional*, Eaglehead* (*now Westwinds*), Indian Spring*, Kenwood, Lakewood*, Rossmoor (*now Leisure World*), Manor, Montgomery, Montgomery Village*, Potomac Valley*

WITHDRAWALS:

2023 - Eagle's Nest, Norbeck

2022 - Chartwell, Fountain Head, Manor

2021 - Timbers of Troy, Glade Valley & Hunt Valley

2020 - Westminster National

2019 - Argyle, Quail Valley

2018 - Cripple Creek, Maple Dale, Jonathan's Landing, Bear Trap Dunes, West Winds, Bowie, Cross Creek, Patuxent Greens

2017 - Choptank River, Bear Trap & **Division V** (*Eastern Shore, Elks, Nutter's Crossing, Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Great Hope*)

2016 - Easton, Harbourtowne, River House, Sussex Pines, Argyle

2015 - Caroline, Rookery North

2014 - Piney Branch, Argyle, Rolling Road

2013 - Walden, Montgomery Village, Shawnee, Wakefield Valley

2012 - Easton, Lakewood, Talbot, Fort Meade, Hunters Oak

2011 - VFW, Nassawango, Beach Club

2010 - Marlboro

2009 - Seaford

2006 - Westwinds, Bay Club

2003 - Nassawango, Garrison Lake

2002 - Bethesda

2000 - Beach Club

1998 - Hunt Valley

1993 - Brooke Manor

1992 - Waynesboro

1987 - Andrews AFB

NAME CHANGES:

2013 - Seaford to Hooper's Landing, Shawnee to Rookery North, Easton to River House

2008 - Tantallon (*to Potomac to Port America to Tantallon*) to National; Bear Creek to Westminster National

2007 - Cambridge to Clearview

R. AWARDS

* **Alternative Recognition Award** - Rather than the customary pewter plate, Vice President Ralph Starkey requested permission to purchase and present an alternative award to retiring MISGA officers. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 12/6/11*)

* **Green Jacket** - President Paul Keiser announced that for their many years of outstanding service (beyond the call of duty) and their contribution of much time and effort for the furtherance and enhancement of the MISGA organization "green jackets" would be awarded to C.J. Myers and Charlie Fieldhouse at the 2005 Christmas Party at Manor Country Club. The Board unanimously approved and hailed the two awards. (*BoD Meeting - 6/7/05*)

* **Green Jacket** - DD-4 C.J. Myers recommended that longtime and highly valued MISGA associate Sam Hastings be awarded a "green jacket" for his illustrious service to MISGA. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 11/29/99*)

* **Service Award** - The Awards Committee recommended that all retiring Board officers receive a pewter plate (*varying sizes*) inscribed with the MISGA logo. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 7/13/93*)

* **Awards Committee: Establishment** - A motion was made and approved by the Board to establish an "Awards Committee". The mission of the committee is to identify and recognize MISGA associates who have performed outstanding service to MISGA. Members of the committee will include the MISGA Vice President and the Division Directors. (*BoD Meeting - 7/13/93*)

* **"Man of the Year"** - A motion was made and approved by the Board to establish a "Man of the Year" award. A golf shirt embroidered with a MISGA logo & "Man of the Year" will be awarded to the "associate" who has been deemed to have contributed the most to MISGA during the year. (*BoD Meeting - 7/13/93*)

* **MCT Winners Trophy** - The Board directed that a plaque or bowl be purchased for awarding to the annual MISGA Tournament Champions. The trophy will be inscribed with the names of the tournament winners and will be in possession of the winning club until the next annual tournament. (*BoD Meeting - 4/19/85*)

MISGA GREEN JACKET AWARD:

The *Sam Hasting's Green Jacket* is awarded to MISGA volunteers who have provided many years of outstanding service (beyond the call of duty) and contributed much time and effort for the furtherance and enhancement of the MISGA organization. (*Established December 1999*)

Carl Lazar - Board of Directors Meeting - Montgomery CC (12/5/23)

Robert "Bob" Hodges - Annual Club Reps Meeting - Prospect CC (3/22/23)

Charles "Chuck" Woods - Annual Club Reps Meeting - Prospect Bay CC (3/22/23)

Gregg Morris - Montgomery CC Holiday Luncheon (12/6/22)

Wayne Rowland - Montgomery CC Holiday Luncheon (12/6/22)

Jeff Hild - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/7/21)

Jake Jacobi - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/7/21)

Tom Rowlett - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/10/19)

Gary Manion - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/10/19)

Jim Wilcox - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/6/2018)

John Babyak - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/13/2016)

Errol Myers - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/8/15)

Howard Taylor - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/9/14)

Lloyd Stimson - Annual Club Reps Meeting - Prospect Bay CC (4/12/14)

Dick Dale - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/10/13)

Ralph Starkey - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/15/12)

Thomas Taylor - MISGA Summer Frolic - Carroll Valley Resort (9/12/12)

Byron Keadle - Manor Holiday Luncheon (12/14/10)

Ken Wallgren - Manor Holiday Luncheon (12/15/09)

Peter Sorge - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/16/08)

Tom Tarpley - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/11/07)

C.J. Myers - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/7/05)

Charlie Fieldhouse - Manor CC Holiday Luncheon (12/7/05)

Sam Hastings - Annual Club Reps Meeting - Prospect Bay CC (4/10/00)

SERVICE AWARDS: *(Records of others receiving an award are unavailable)*

The following retiring MISGA volunteers were presented recognition and thank you awards to honor their valuable and much appreciated years of service to MISGA.

Charles "Chuck" Woods (*Outgoing President*) - Recognition Trophy (*BoD Meeting - 3/22/23*)

Malcolm Peterson (*Outgoing President*) - Commemorative Clock (*BoD Meeting - 12/3/19*)

Greg Morris (*Past President*) - Commemorative Clock (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19*)

Errol Myers (*Webmaster*) - Commemorative Paperweight (*BoD Meeting - 12/7/18*)

Lloyd Stimson (*Tournament Chairman*) - Commemorative Paperweight (*BoD Meeting - 12/7/18*)

John Babyak (*Secretary*) - Commemorative Paperweight (*BoD Meeting - 2/21/18*)

Bob Brewer (*Policy & Planning Chairman*) - Commemorative Paperweight (*BoD Meeting - 2/21/18*)
Byron Keadle (*Historian*) - Commemorative Paperweight (*BoD Meeting - 2/21/18*)
Ed Maasood (*Division Director*) - Commemorative Paperweight (*BoD Meeting - 2/21/18*)
Mike Urquhart (*Associates Chairman*) - Commemorative Paperweight (*BoD Meeting - 2/21/18*)
Jim Wilcox (*Immediate Past President*) - Commemorative Clock (*BoD Meeting - 2/21/18*)
Bob Brewer (*P&P and R&H Chairman*) - Drinking Glasses (2) w/MISGA logo (*BoD Meeting - 12/7/15*)
Lloyd Stimson (*Division Director*) - Pewter Place - (*Annual Club Reps meeting - 4/19/09*)
Charlie Fieldhouse (*Associates Chairman*) - Pewter Place - (*Annual Club Reps meeting - 4/19/09*)
Ken Wallgren (*Past Presidents Chairman*) - Pewter Place - (*Annual Club Reps meeting - 4/19/09*)
C.J. Myers (*Tournament Chairman*) - Pewter Place - (*Annual Club Reps meeting - 4/19/09*)
Byron Keadle (*Webmaster*) - Pewter Place - (*Annual Club Reps meeting - 4/19/09*)
Bob Turner (*MISGA President*) - Pewter Place - (*Annual Club Reps meeting - 4/19/09*)
Duke Rowdon (*Past President*) - Pewter Plate - (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/9/01*)
Jim Bell (*Division Director*) - Pewter Plate - (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/9/01*)
Harry Breitbach (*Treasurer*) - Pewter Plate - (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/9/01*)
Bob McMinn (*Division Director*) - Pewter Plate - (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/9/01*)
Tom Tarpley (*Division Director*) - Pewter Plate - (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/9/01*)
Dick Walsh (*Secretary*) - Pewter Plate - (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/9/01*)
Jack Nichols (*Division Director*) - Pewter Plate - (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/9/01*)
Dick Hunt (*Man of the Year*) - Golf Shirt w/MISGA logo & "Man of the Year" (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/9/01*)
Special Events Committee Members - Money Clip w/MISGA logo - (*BoD Meeting - 7/13/93*)

SPECIAL AWARDS:

- * **Pete Sorge** (*Events Chairman*) - Walt Disney "Grumpy" T-shirt (*Annual Club Reps Meeting - 4/2/19*)
- * President Bob Turner presented Associates Chairman **Charlie Fieldhouse** with a new Canon G10 camera in appreciation and recognition for all his time and effort in taking photographs at MISGA's various meetings and events. (*BoD Meeting - 12/9/08*)
- * President **Charlie Fieldhouse** thanked the 2001 Board and Committee Chairmen for their excellent performance during his tenure. To show his appreciation, he presented each member with two golf towels embroidered with the MISGA logo. (*BoD Meeting - 12/5/01*)
- * President C.J. Myer recommended a special award be presented to **Ray Keany** and **Merle Shumaker** for their efforts in authoring and publishing the paperback book *MISGA History 1996-2005*. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 6/4/96*)

S. OTHER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

* The Board agreed to reestablish the posting of a *MISGA master mixer schedule* on the MISGA website. Wayne Rowland volunteered to manage the project. Clubs may elect to not participate. Club Reps should control who is allowed to attend their mixer. (*BoD Meeting - 12/7/22*)

* Lloyd Stimson volunteered to replenish the *MISGA Past President* pocket patches. The current supply is depleted. (*BoD Meeting - 12/7/22*)

* **Master Schedule** - Rules & Handicap Chairman Wayne Rowland proposed the development of a MISGA mixer master schedule to be posted on the MISGA website. It would include each club's mixer schedule for the year and will assist club reps with the planning of mixers, scheduling make-up dates, indicating MISGA-wide the number of weekly mixers, helping club reps locate mixer openings at other clubs, etc. Rowland volunteered to develop and manage the schedule. A motion was made and approved by the Board. (*BoD Meeting - 9/12/17*)