

Cumulative History of Board Actions, 2009

Foreword

This history has been expressly developed to assist the Board of Directors and the Club Representatives in the management of the MISGA program. Policies and directives that have been formulated by the MISGA Board of Directors and/or at the Annual Club Representatives meeting since 1980 are included in this handbook. Be aware that in some cases entries may be overridden by subsequent entries. In the event of conflict between the Constitution or By-laws and this document, the Constitution and By-laws take precedence 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 is dedicated to all of those who over the many years have given their time and talent to make MISGA what it is today.

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Constitution

- Age fifty revision, accepted by the Reps at the Annual Reps Meeting at Chester River. (4/10/06)
- Constitutional Change defining a MISGA Associate as a person who has attained the **age of fifty (50)**. The motion passed by 2/3 of Board Members and was subsequently ratified by the Club Reps (3/2/06)
- It was moved and unanimously passed that the MISGA Constitution be amended as stipulated in Article V of the Constitution at the annual meeting of MISGA Reps as follows:

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 that member club, has paid the MISGA associate 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. (9/7/04)

By-Laws

By-Laws Amendment

SECTION VI – COMMITTEE DUTIES

G. MISGAGRAM COMMITTEE

1. *The MISGAGRAM COMMITTEE will consist of the MISGAGRAM Editor as Chairman, the WEBMASTER, and an associate from each division to assist in gathering newsletter items from their respective divisions.*
2. *The Chairman (MISGAGRAM Editor) and this committee shall be responsible for the preparation of the MISGAGRAM, the newsletter of the organization, and for sending it to the WEBMASTER for posting on the MISGA web site and to the HISTORIAN for posting to the Archives.*

3. *The WEBMASTER will be responsible for posting the MISGAGRAM to the MISGA web site and for initiating the Global Email Distribution System to notify associates with email that the MISGAGRAM is accessible on the web site.* 12/8/09

- A motion by the Rules and Handicap Committee and the Policy & Planning Committee to clarify MISGA's compliance with the USGA handicap system was unanimously approved. 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 at an approved USGA course may not be allowed to play in MISGA-sponsored events. (6/7/05)
- The Bylaws in Sec. C Admin. Code, #1. Admin. Now reads:
*MISGA and its Associates shall comply with the:
USGA Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System as well as local rules of the host club and any rules of the Tournament Committee. MISGA Associates must have an established, valid USGA handicap index maintained and computed at their home club.* (6/7/05)
- A motion was unanimously passed to reconcile the By Laws and Guidelines to specify 128 golfers in events. (3/8/05)
- On the selection of a Vice President as modified in A (2) was approved to include, "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." (3/8/05)
- It was moved and unanimously passed that By-Laws Section VIII.D be amended to add a new subsection to read: I Have a formal and active handicap committee and maintain this committee under the USGA Handicap System. (9/7/04)
- It was moved and unanimously passed that By-Laws Section VIII.D be amended to add a new subsection as follows:
10. 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. (9/7/04)
- Add Rep training session as mandatory Director's duty in By Laws. Place recommended outline for the sessions on the web site and point to it in the Rep Guidelines. (2/27/02)
- The existing language in Section C, item 1 of the Bylaws should be amended to read:
MISGA and its Associates shall comply with the USGA Rules of Golf. (5/17/01)
- Bylaws Page 7, B. President, paragraph 2 to read as follows:
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. (9/11/01)
- Add Bylaws section F. General Counsel, and revise section letters to agree. (12/5/01)
- Add Bylaws section K. Mailing Committee. (12/5/01)
- By-Laws page 5 Section III, Article B, Paragraph 3 shall read as follows:
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 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.
- Section III, Article B Paragraph 3 shall become Paragraph 4 and shall read as follows:
In event that the filling of a vacancy under provisions 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. (6/15/99)
- Section III, insert new Article C: *With the exception of the Assistant Directors elected as in B-2 above, all newly elected Board members shall assume their positions at the first meeting of the Board in the new MISGA year.* (6/15/99)
- Proposed changes to Constitution and By-Laws were unanimously approved. Note: The April 1999 edition of the *Handbook for MISGA Club Representatives* incorporates these changes. (2/22/99)
- When a Division Director position becomes vacant the Assistant Director automatically becomes Division Director without a Division election. (Ref: entry 6/4/94) (9/15/98)
- Assistant Director becomes Director when the Director's term expired. An Assistant Director should be elected each time and thus ensure continuity. (6/4/96)

Donations

- **Charitable Donations** – A motion was made that the MISGA organization will not make charitable donations. The motion was approved. (See below 4/27/92) (9/2/08)
- **Operation Second Chance** – At the 2007 Club Reps meeting, the group supported a \$5,000 donation for this program from the MISGA Treasury. For 2008 MISGA Board decided to take a different approach through voluntary donations instead of MISGA treasury money. Operation Second Chance supports wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. It aids in the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded vets, their families and to facilitate the transition of these vets back into society. **Charlie Fieldhouse** will chair the fund drive. Charlie said that he had a goal of collecting \$6,000. MISGA associates voluntarily contributed \$6,500 to Operation Second Chance culminating with a check presented on 10/06/2008. (4/7/08)
- **Operation Second Chance**, a group that supports Wounded Veterans from the Afghan and Iraq War and their families requested support for a Golf Tournament to be held on Oct. 1st. Following a lengthy discussion at the Annual Reps Meeting, a motion was made and passed to donate \$5,000 to this group. (4/17/07)
- **9/11 Disaster Relief Fund** – **Charlie Fieldhouse** initiated a charity drive to collect voluntary contributions from members of MISGA for the Baltimore Sun's Disaster Relief Fund for victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. \$18,195 was presented to the Sun's disaster relief office. (10/21/01)
- The Board decided that charitable events should be left to the Divisions and the respective Clubs to implement as they see fit. On this basis, there will be no MISGA wide charitable event. (4/27/92)

Associate Committee

- **LEADERSHIP ROSTER** – Changes, Additions, Deletions involving Club Reps, Asst Club Reps, and/or the Club Pro's. Include the CORRECT e-mail addresses for all. These revisions to be forwarded to the Web Master with a copy to the Associate Chairman no **LATER THAN MARCH 1 of the current year** (12/1/06)
- *Associates, Dues, Change Form #5-89 and Roster:*
The Club Rep. shall collect per capita dues at the beginning of the golfing season and well prior to the first of June. The paid up Associates names shall be verified and checked against his latest copy of the existing Roster. The collected dues and change form #5-89s reflecting updated Associate membership shall be sent by the Club Rep. to his Division Associates Chairman to be received by him no later than June 1. The Division Associates Chairman shall subsequently forward the collected update forms and funds to the MISGA Treasurer. (9/19/00)

Events Committee

Refund Policy

- The Events Chairman, Pete Sorge, asked that the amount of excess money from an event per participant be increased from \$10 to \$25 before the money has to be refunded. Currently the excess is used to subsidize prize money at a future event. The motion was passed. (3/19/08)

Frolic Responsibility

- The Board voted to establish an Events Committee and assigned specific events to Divisions as follows: (3/8/05)
 - Division I Spring Fling
 - Division II Summer Frolic
 - Division III Annual Reps Meeting
 - Division IV A Fall Frolic
 - Division V Winter Frolic
 - Division VI A Fall Frolic
- Starting with the Fiscal Year 1993 (beginning October 1, 1992) MISGA will bear the entire first-class mailing costs for Events. (Currently, MISGA pays the difference between bulk mail and first-class rates.) (1/14/92)

Financial

- The 2010 surplus funds are to be divided equally between the State Past President Tournament (ABCD) and the State Two-Man Team Tournament in 2011, in lieu of a rebate. (12/8/09)
- It was moved and unanimously passed that Associate dues be decreased from \$10.00 to \$5.00 effective January 1, 2010. (12/8/09)
- The Treasurer has budgeted for an \$8,000 rebate. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2009 budget. The budget was approved. (3/18/09)

- A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report, which includes the present allocation for division operation expenses and that the same allocations would continue until the Board votes to change them. The motion was seconded and approved. (9/11/07)
- The Treasurer has proposed and allotted in the budget for a 5% increase each year. A motion was made that the 5% yearly increase in division expense allocation would be distributed in three equal allotments or as the Treasurer and the division directors decide. Motion approved. (9/11/07)
- A motion was made that next year we use the same percentage allocation per division but that we multiply the budgeted amount of \$3530 by two to \$7060. The motion was carried. It was also agreed to reimburse Division II for the \$278.55 that they had previously requested. (12/4/07)
- A motion to accept the Policy Committee proposed budget except for the travel allowance increase and except for the printing of the MISGA history was unanimously approved. (6/7/05)
- It was moved and unanimously passed that a committee be convened to develop a budget for an enhanced 2006 MISGA program. (12/9/04)
- It was moved and unanimously passed that the MISGA treasurer send \$350.00 each to Norbeck, and to Holly Hills to compensate these clubs for the Mid-Atlantic PGA fee for Pro-AM's. (12/9/04)
- It was moved and unanimously passed that Associate dues be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 effective January 1, 2006 and that club dues are increased to \$50.00 effective January 1, 2005. (12/9/04)
- The treasurer was directed to issue checks to reimburse two players who were legitimate deletions in the 2-man Team Tournament and to one player who was a legitimate deletion in the ABCD Tournament. (12/5/01)
- The Board passed a resolution that any check issued by MISGA for an amount of \$2,500 or more requires three authorized signatures. (1/14/92)
- IRS had approved MISGA's application for tax-free status. (6/12/84)

MISGA Certificate of Deposit

- Because of an IRS situation, it was suggested that we move some of the surplus into the Tournament Fund. A motion was made to move \$14,000 to the Tournament Fund. That motion was passed. (3/19/08)

Rebate

- The motion was restated to make a dividend or a rebate amount, this fiscal year, based on the surplus of \$10,000.00 and that surplus is distributed to each club rep based on MISGA club membership as of today (September 2, 2008). The motion was approved. (9/2/08)

Division Expense

- Division expense money increased from \$300.00 to \$400.00 starting in year 2000. (9/21/99)

Mileage

- Mileage reimbursement rate: The board previously voted to comply with the IRS Allowance for the reimbursement of mileage expenses. The rate for 2010 will be \$0.50. (12/8/09)
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- An increase in the travel allowance to \$0.40 per mile was approved, effective immediately, and to follow IRS guidelines (rounded down) in subsequent years. (6/7/05)

Associate Dues

- Dues decreased from \$10.00 to \$5.00 (2010) (12/8/09)
- After some discussion of reducing associate dues to avoid the need for a rebate of excess operating funds, it was noted by the Treasurer that we could not go lower than \$8.00. A motion to maintain the dues at \$10.00 was approved. (12/9/08)
- Dues increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 starting in the year 2006. (12/9/04)

- Dues increased in 1994 from \$2.50 to \$4.00. (9/16/93)
- Dues increased in 1999 from \$4.00 to \$5.00 (2/11/98)

Club Dues

- MISGA club dues increased from \$35.00 to \$50.00 dollars starting in the year 2005. (12/9/04)
- MISGA club dues increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00 dollars starting in the year 2000. (9/21/99)

Prize Money

- Prize money increased to \$5.00 in 2000. (9/21/99)
- Prize money increased to \$4.00. (3/2/95)
- Prize money increased to \$3.00 (6/2/88)

General Administration

- Rescind the action of 4/19/85 that "A report be developed which would give data on MISGA events such as place, date, winners, etc. and that this report be sent to each Club Representative at the end of each year. (4/19/85)." (All pertinent information appears in the Tournament Report, MISGAGRAM, and Archives. (12/8/09)
- GolfNet has changed compared to last year (2008) to now protect the privacy of golfers. There is some concern that profile information might be sold for commercial purposes. (3/18/09)
- Prospect Bay hosted the Annual Reps Meeting April 6th. 2009 (4/6/09)
- Name change – Tantallon Resort and Golf Club is now National Golf Club at Tantallon. (8/15/08)
- Name change - Bear Creek is now called Westminster National Golf Club. (1/17/08)
- Willis Hall presented a request for a PR operation. \$3,500 was approved for posters and brochures. (3/27/07)
- In September, the membership committee was asked to look at Chartwell to find out if they were in compliance with various aspects of MISGA policy. A motion was passed to take no action against Chartwell. (See Minutes of 12/4/2007 meeting for details) (12/4/07)
- LEADERSHIP ROSTER – Changes, Additions, Deletions involving Club Reps, Asst Club Reps, and/or the Club Pro's. Include the CORRECT e-mail addresses for all. These revisions to be forwarded to the Web Master with a copy to the Associate Chairman no **LATER THAN MARCH 1 of the current year** (12/1/06)
- AED Project: The year-long discussion of providing MISGA clubs with AED devices and proper training was finalized by not being able to mount a motion for vote. The president then declared the matter a dead issue. (9/12/06)
- Ad Hoc Committee of Past Presidents on History dissolved: Given that the ten year History has been compiled and printed and that the Archives are defined and are well on the way to fruition, the President dissolved the committee. (9/12/06)
- Annual Reps meeting date revised: Owing to a change of location from Chester River Yacht and Golf Club to Prospect Bay Golf Club, the date mandated by MISGA by-laws is not available for the Annual Reps Meeting. The Board approved a onetime deviation for the meeting to be held on Tuesday April 17, 2007. (9/12/06)
- Two associates have been expelled from MISGA for cheating. The Policy and Planning Committee was directed to clarify the MISGA position and make a recommendation at a future Board meeting. A motion was made and unanimously passed that, for this case, the Board ratify the Division decision to suspend. (12/11/03)
- An Ad Hoc Past Presidents Committee is established to carry out various projects from time to time as assigned by the President. The initial assignments of this committee, chaired by Charlie Fieldhouse, are: assist in the accumulation of historical materials; study an archival system concerning which materials should be kept and how they should be stored and develop a recommendation for a "Sell Package" to be used when recruiting clubs as MISGA members. (2/12/03)
- It was moved and approved that 33% of the field at MISGA mixers be awarded prizes rather than 25% as had been the past practice. (5/22/02)
- Ten additional Past President pocket patches will be purchased for use in future years. President and Vice President Pocket patches will also be purchased for those holding the positions. The president and Vice President will be expected to pass these patches along to their successors. (5/17/01)
- Division Annual Reports Due date December 1st of each year. (9/11/01)
- **Directors' Annual report to be exhibited in handbook (9/19/00)**

- When a MISGA Past President is no longer a member of a MISGA member club, but wishes to remain informed of and involved with MISGA affairs, he may, upon request, be kept on the MISGA Roster of his former club. Approved (11/29/99)
- Bill Woolston, Past President, is designated an Honorary Board Member and his name is added to the Prospect Bay Associates list. (6/17/97)
- MISGA will discontinue purchasing and issuing MISGA membership cards in 1996. (9/14/94)
- The Board unanimously approved that any current Board member, officer, committee chairman, club rep, or assistant club rep be granted the opportunity to participate in noncompetitive MISGA events with preference. (12/1/88)
- Board directed that MISGA employ Rockville Mailing Service for four-piece mailing. (10/23/85)
- Board of Directors directed that no club be considered for membership that charges green Fees. (7/21/87)
- (Refer to 12/08/09) A report be developed which would give data on MISGA events such as place, date, winners, etc. and that this report be sent to each Club Representative at the end of each year. (4/19/85)
- It was suggested that MISGA extend Life Membership at no cost to all Associates 80 years or more of age. In discussion a consensus developed that Life Memberships granted by the Board should be reserved to honor exceptional service to MISGA and that individual clubs could grant free membership for any reason they deemed worthy. (4/9/85)
- Life membership without dues is granted to President Emeritus Al Hagen, founder of MISGA. (4/30/84)

Member Club Dues

- The Guidelines, Summary page 19 Member Club Dues revise to read:
The Club Rep. is responsible for remitting the annual dues of his club by *April 1 of each year directly to the MISGA Treasurer.* (9/19/00)

New Divisions

- A restructuring plan for the Eastern Shore MISGA clubs was unanimously approved. A third division will be added on the Eastern Shore as Division 3 and the current Division 3 will be renumbered Division 6. The Board President, supplied by Division 4 in 2003, would come from Division 5 in 2004, Division 1 in 2005 and then follow the numerical sequence. The restructuring will become effective for 2004. (2/12/03)
- Divisions should consider the minimum number of clubs to be 8 and the maximum 16, and that re-organization only be considered when the club levels fall outside of these numbers. The motion was approved. (2/20/01)
- A statement by the President indicated that Division 1 would be split into two Divisions by the end of the year. The present Division 1 director and the Division 1 Board member will determine which clubs will constitute each division and which group will be designated Division 1 and Division 5. The present Board member (Duke Rowdon) will assume the position as Director of the new division and two new board members, one from each of the new divisions, will be elected to join the Board in January 1996. (6/15/96)
- The change splitting the Eastern Shore into 2 divisions, Division 1 and Division 5 was unanimously approved. (9/14/95)

Distribution, Handbooks

- Rescind the action of (5/17/01) - The Club Rep's Handbook is shown on the MISGA Web Site. (12/8/09)
- Printing and distribution of the Leadership Roster and the MISGA Handbook will be discontinued. Current up-to-date versions are accessible on the web site [www.misga.org] (12/1/06)
- Because of many revisions and changes to the bylaws and guidelines, a new handbook will be published in 2004. (12/11/03)
- Refer to 12/08/09 - One binder for the Club Rep's Handbook and two sets of text materials will be produced for each member club. (5/17/01)

Anonymous Donor Donation

- Board disapproved the request to use the anonymously donated money for the increased cart costs at Shawnee 2-Man State Tournament. (3/27/07)
- The Board approved the recommendation that the President's Tournament prize moneys are derived from earnings on the Certificate of Deposit, supplemented by entry fees, and that no moneys come from the MISGA treasury. (3/8/91)
- An anonymous donor contributed \$5,000 to MISGA to fund the prize moneys for a MISGA wide tournament honoring Past Presidents. (4/23/90)

Ladies

- Ladies are members of MISGA currently and are welcome to join as Associates. (9/15/09)
- Ladies in MISGA are welcome. (3/27/07)
- Widows of MISGA members will be welcomed at Flings and Frolics on a space available basis. (2/27/02)
- Widows of Associates may attend special MISGA events on a space available basis. An active Associate who attends the same event must sponsor them. [Note: An associate may sponsor only one Guest, who is usually his spouse.] (7/13/93)
- Widows/guests of MISGA members will be welcome at MISGA outings. It was decided these persons would be subject to Article IX Code of Conduct of the MISGA Constitution. (4/19/93)
- Board voted to deny MISGA widows permission to attend out-of-state events. (12/2/91)

Solicitation

- Rescind the Action of 5/22/02 There will be no solicitation of prizes from the Pro Shops to be distributed by lottery at the Summer Frolic (12/8/09)
- The Board reiterated that solicitation of business at MISGA events by associates has no place in MISGA. This policy should be made clear at division reps meetings and should be included in the rep training seminars, and a notice placed in the MISGAGRAM (12/12/02)
- Refer to 12/08/09 The solicitation of prizes for the distribution at the Board Bash is revised to request each Division Director and each Assistant Division Director supply a "quality gift" for distribution by lottery at the affair. (Div II: There will not be an effort to collect gifts from club pro shops this year.) (5/22/02)

History Committee

- Rescind the action of 2/20/01 The History of Board Actions and Cumulative History of Board Actions to be prepared after the close of each calendar year and posted on the MISGA Web Site and the Archives (12/8/09)
- The Board agreed to not send MISGA History 1996-2005 to the organizations as noted below (9/26/96) "*Copies of the MISGA History*" (6/7/05)
- A motion to proceed with the printing of the MISGA history in color was approved. Distribution will be made through club Reps. (6/7/05)
- Motion to provide \$1,500 in the budget to develop CD's of the 2005 History was made and defeated. (6/2/04)
- (Refer to 12/08/09) Hard copy version of the *History of Board Actions* will be printed and distributed every two years, beginning with year 2002. Copies will be distributed at the annual Representatives meeting in April. (2/20/01)
- Copies of the MISGA history are to be sent to St. Andrews, the USGA, PGA, Mid-Atlantic Golf Association, the Golf Museum, some major Golf Magazines, and the Maryland and Delaware State Golf Associations. (9/26/96)

Membership Committee

- Membership Committee proposed that we accept two new clubs into MISGA, Cress Creek C.C. in Shepherdstown, W. VA. With 20 associates and Musket Ridge in Myersville, MD with 17 associates. A separate motion was made to accept each club on a provisional basis, lasting 3 or 4 years. If they do not reach the 32 associates in that time, they would have to drop out. Each motion was passed. VFW will continue playing MISGA at their home course in Frederick MD. (9/15/09)

Chartwell Country Club:

- In September, the membership committee was asked to look at Chartwell to find out if they were in compliance with various aspects of MISGA policy. A motion was passed to take no action against Chartwell. (See Minutes of 12/4/2007 meeting for details) (12/4/2007)

New Clubs

- The Guideline for the Admission of New Clubs was approved without dissent with an added notation that MISGA actively seeks and welcomes new clubs to apply for membership. A digital version of these Guidelines is to be posted on the MISGA website. (6/7/05)
- Division Directors Checklist approved as the official guideline of Applicant Club membership criteria. (12/3/98)

MISGAGram Committee

- The MISGAGRAM COMMITTEE will consist of the MISGAGRAM Editor as Chairman, the WEBMASTER, and an associate from each division to assist in gathering newsletter items from their respective divisions. (12/8/09)

- The Chairman (MISGAGRAM Editor) and this committee shall be responsible for the preparation of the MISGAGRAM, the newsletter of the organization, and for sending it to the WEBMASTER for posting on the MISGA web site and to the HISTORIAN for posting to the Archives. (12/8/09)
- The WEBMASTER will be responsible for posting the MISGAGRAM to the MISGA web site and for initiating the Global Email Distribution System to notify associates with email that the MISGAGRAM is accessible on the web site. (12/8/09)
- MISGAGram hardcopy will not be printed in 2010 and up. MISGAGram will continue to be produced for the MISGA Web Site. (12/8/09)
- It was unanimously agreed that the number of MISGAGRAMS be increased to four per year. (6/7/05)
- A motion was unanimously passed to add an entry to the 5-89 form to note those who do not want a hard copy of the MISGAGRAM but who will access it by internet. (1/20/04)
- It was unanimously agreed that the number of MISGAGRAMS be reduced to three per year in accordance with the following schedule:
 - January, include Spring Fling information;
 - May, include Fall Fling announcements;
 - September/October, include Winter Fling announcement. (2/12/03)
- The Board approved the purchase of Adobe Page Maker for use in the various committees of MISGA. It will be used by and be in the care of the MISGAGRAM editor. (12/12/02)
- The next two issues of the MISGAGRAM will be mailed third class. (5/17/01)

Roster Committee

- Rescind the action of (3/19/08) - Associates Rosters are due June 1. The motion was passed. (9/15/09)
- Refer to (9/15/09) - A motion was made to move the **roster due** date back to May 1st The motion was passed.(3/19/08)

Tournament Committee

- Senior Tees – 2009, the State Tournaments would be played from the forward men’s tees. A motion was made that the State Tournaments be played from the Senior tees. The motion was seconded and approved (3/18/09)
- Tournament Subsidy - C. J. Myers asked for a subsidy of \$5.00 per participant for a total of \$640.00 in order to keep the cost at Piney Branch to \$75.00. A motion was made to agree to the subsidy. Much discussion followed about setting a bad precedent, omitting lunch, using the Tournament CD et al. The motion was passed. (3/19/08)
- A report on the centralization of State Tournaments was presented. The intent is to locate all State tournaments within about 45 miles from the Bay Bridge. The Tournament Chairman will be responsible for contacting the clubs and selecting the rotation. A motion was made to implement the rotation for a trial period of three years. The motion was approved. (9/2/08)
- **Called Board Meeting –April 17, 2007**
The meeting was called to establish the need for a request for money for extra carts at Shawnee for the State 2-Man Tournament. The matter was resolved by voting on a motion to support the funds for carts from the Treasury with the implicit understanding that this is a one time only bail out. With the following caveat: Henceforth, No Chairman will/shall have the authority to demand/request that a club provide more carts than they have for the usual and customary conduct of business. The vote passed with 3 abstentions. (4/17/07)
- A new Tournament Policy was approved. (12/4/07)
- The Policy and Planning combined two sets of Tournament instructions and reorganized them into one document, consisting of two parts, the first, MISGA Tournament Policy and the second, information, instructions and procedures. The Board was requested to approve the documents’ inclusion in the guidelines. A motion was made to accept the report as written and its inclusion in the guidelines. The motion was approved. (12/4/07)
- For details, see: http://www.misga.org/Guides/MISGA_Tournaments_Policy-12.07.pdf
- The MISGA Tournament Chairman asked for approval for the authority to prevent individuals from playing in either of the State finals if they fail to post their scores in the division qualifiers. Motion made and seconded. After a discussion it decided to refer the request to the Policy and Planning Committee. The motion was withdrawn. (9/11/07)
- The chairman asked that the following two sentences be added to the 2-man team tournament guidelines. “Team members must be the same two who qualified. No individual substitutions will be allowed in the Finals.” There was a motion to accept the proposed change. The motion was approved. (For details, go to Tournaments Policy link below.) (9/11/07)

- Optional use of tees: A wide ranging discussion the Board approved deleting all references to specific handicaps and age ranges and to replace them with a reference to follow the current USGA guidelines as follows: The use of alternate tees in MISGA Mixers, State Tournaments and other events, such as Frolics and Flings, is optional and is to be determined by the host club, the Club Rep, or the event/Tournament Chairman. All golfers may choose to play any of the optional tees if optional tees are offered. When optional tees are offered, participants must be informed in advance and the USGA Handicap Manual must be used to rate the use of all tees offered. (3/2/06)
- Refunds for failure to play: The Board noted that refunds are always within the discretion of the Division Directors and voted that refunds for failure to play in State Tournaments may not come from the general MISGA Treasury. (9/12/06)
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- Two-Team - A motion to enforce the 8 stroke differential in the Division qualifiers was unanimously approved.(3/8/05)
- As a condition of play in the MISGA Two-Man Team Tournament, the handicap of partners shall not differ by more than eight strokes. If this condition cannot be avoided, individual handicaps will be reduced by an additional 10%. This is in addition to the existing reduction of 10% for all participants. It is further recommended that division qualifiers be conducted under the same conditions. (12/12/02)
- Past Presidents of MISGA are invited to participate in the tournament designated in their honor. They are to be integrated into the flight commensurate with their handicaps. They will pay their own expenses. (9/21/99)
- In conformance with the USGA Rules, 90% handicap is to be used at 2-man team Division qualifiers and State finals. It is urged that local 2 man team competition also adopt this rule. (6/15/99)
- The Board recommends the use of 90% handicap by MISGA clubs where two best balls of four format is used. (9/21/99)
- The President and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee shall both be invited to attend the dinners for the Two-man Team Championship and the Past Presidents (A-B-C-D) Championship and they are to be seated at the head table and introduced during the awards ceremony. (2/11/98)
- The President will be invited to play in the A-B-C-D Championship. (9/15/98)
- MISGA mixer scores should *NOT be entered as tournament* scores for handicap purposes. Ref Sam Halls letter from PGA. (12/3/98)
- MISGA follows the USGA rules that for any tournament which has a prize (money or gift). A player must post his score and indicate it was made in a tournament event. (4/7/97)
- Middle tees will continue to be used by MISGA for the A-B-C-D and Two-man Team Tournament. (6/17/97)
- The Board suggested encouragement of Past Presidents participation in the Past Presidents Tournament, even to the point of some sort of Past Presidents event for them. (9/14/95)
- Low handicap players have to act as captains and keep their group moving to prevent slow play. (9/14/95)
- It was decided all Board Members would instruct all club reps to count all MISGA tournaments and outings as tournament scores for handicap purposes. (12/15/93)
- The Presidents Tournament is renamed the Past Presidents Tournament. The trophy will stay with the winning club for one year. (7/13/93)
- There will be four trophies for the Presidents Tournament. Two will be rotating one each for low gross and low net with provisions to engrave respective winner's names each year; and two individual trophies provided each year to be awarded to the respective low gross and low net winners. Costs, trophies and engravings are to be provided from MISGA general funds. (9/15/92)
- The Board designates the Chairman of the Tournament Committee as responsible for seeing that the dividends from the Presidents Tournament CD get to the committee conducting the tournament each year. (7/14/92)
- The end-of-year printout of Associates will be used to establish quotas for the Presidents Tournament and the Two-Man Team Championship to provide sufficient lead time for tournament organization. (7/16/91)
- Each Division makes the decision on how qualifiers get to the MISGA level while assuring equity treatment that guarantees that everyone has the opportunity to qualify. (7/16/91)

- The Board set an annual date for the Presidents and Two-Man Team Championship tournaments and would designate a week rather than a specific date for each tournament. (9/23/91)
- Funds for all MISGA tournaments should be handled through the Tournament Directors and reported to the Treasurer rather than have all funds funnel through the Treasurer. This would provide more flexibility for Tournament Director and Committees as well as more timely payment of bills and relieve the Treasurer of much unnecessary detail. (1/26/83)

Tournament Allocations

- The 2010 surplus funds are to be divided equally between the State Past President Tournament (ABCD) and the State Two-Man Team Tournament in 2011, in lieu of a rebate. (12/8/09)
- A motion was made to allow the Tournament Chairman to allocate the allotments based on the Club Roster information available on May 1st. The motion was passed. (12/4/07)

Rule and Handicap Committee

- Tie breakers to be decided on the basis of USGA recommendations. Holes 10-18, if still tied; 13 - 18; 16 -18; if still tied, 18. (See 3/2/95) (12/8/09)
- Handicap index maximum of 36.4 for men, 40.4 for women (9/15/09)
- The ad hoc Rules and Handicap Committee is now a permanent committee of MISGA with the charge to promote understanding of and compliance with the USGA Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System. (12/12/02)
- A one-year trial program to develop training materials in the areas of rules, etiquette, and handicaps is approved. (2/20/01)
- The Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Etiquette will continue in Ad Hoc status. (12/5/01)
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Web Site Committee

- A formal Web Committee with responsibility to design, manage, and maintain the MISGA website was established. Dick Walsh will chair the committee and act as Web Master. Assistant Web Masters are Byron Keadle (MISGAgram web interface), and Tom Tarpley (business interface). The appropriate committee descriptions will be inserted in the Reps Handbook. (2/12/03)
- An ad hoc committee is established, chaired by the Vice President, to conduct a two-year test/transition study of web site communications. (5/22/02)
- MISGA Web Site created www.misga.org (9/19/00)

Guidelines

- Training seminars for Club Reps are mandated for all divisions. Guidelines for the conduct of these training seminars are posted on the MISGA web site. (2/27/02)
- The number of clubs in a Division is only one of several criteria which affect the need to reorganize. The process by which a Division can be reorganized would be initiated by a request from the Division Director to the Board. (5/17/01)
- Guidelines for the size of each Division established at a minimum of 8 clubs and a maximum of 16. Reorganization will be considered when club levels fall outside these numbers. (2/20/01)
- Guidelines Page 20, after MIXER RESPONSIBILITIES, insert:
Mixer fees all fees collected at a given Mixer are to be spent that day and cannot be applied to any other function such as an after-the-season club function, Christmas Party, etc. (9/11/01)
- The money collected from a 50/50 raffle is not considered part of the Mixer fee. (9/11/01)
- Add the following statement to the existing Guidelines paragraph on Home Mixers:
All Home Mixers are to be held at the host club's golf course. The use of alternate courses in order to schedule additional home mixers is not allowed. (9/11/01)
- The Rep's guidelines will be amended to include the "encouraged" recommended practice for each division to conduct training seminars. An outline of the topics to be included in the training seminars is to be prepared and included in the guidelines. (2/20/01)

Admission/Withdrawal of Clubs

Admitted to MISGA

- Sussex Pines admitted to MISGA. (9/22/82)
- Prospect Bay C.C. admitted to MISGA. (1/26/83)
- Waynesboro C.C. admitted to MISGA. (10/24/89)
- Sparrows Point transferred Div III to Div II. (7/16/91)
- Leisure World transferred Div III to Div IV. (7/16/91)
- Nutters Crossing admitted. to MISGA (4/27/92)
- Hobbits Glen transferred Div II to Div III. (7/16/91)
- Patuxent Greens C. C. admitted to MISGA. (9/15/92)
- Marlboro Country Club admitted to MISGA. (7/13/93)
- Eagle Creek admitted to MISGA (3/2/95)
- Cripple Creek admitted to MISGA (4/7/95)
- Maple Dale admitted to MISGA (4/7/95)
- Walden admitted to MISGA. (4/7/95)
- Great Hope Golf Course admitted to MISGA (1/1/97)
- Wild Quail admitted to MISGA. (4/7/97)
- Westminster National (1/17/08) was Bear Creek admitted to MISGA (4/6/98)
- Garrison Lakes admitted to MISGA (12/3/98)
- Hunt Valley reinstated in MISGA (9/21/99)
- Bay Hills G.C. admitted to MISGA (9/21/99)
- The Beach Club admitted to MISGA (9/21/99)
- Bretton Woods admitted in MISGA (5/23/00)
- Easton Club admitted to MISGA. (9/11/01)
- Move Cambridge Club from Div I to Div V (9/11/01)
- Jonathan's Landing Club admitted to MISGA (12/5/01)
- Oceans Resort Club admitted to MISGA (12/5/01)
- Deer Run Golf Club admitted to MISGA (5/22/02)
- The Bay Club admitted to MISGA (2/12/03)
- Winters Run Golf Club admitted to MISGA. (9/16/03)
- Hog Neck Golf Club admitted to MISGA (6/7/05)
- Rattlewood Golf Club admitted to MISGA (9/12/06)
- Bear Trap Dunes admitted to MISGA (9/11/07)
- Fairway Hills admitted to MISGA (9/11/07)
- The Beach Club admitted to MISGA (12/4/07)
- Ft. Meade Golf Club admitted to MISGA (12/4/07)
- Bay Club reinstate in MISGA (9/2/08)
- The Links at Challedon admitted to MISGA (9/28/08)
- Hunters Oak admitted to MISGA (3/18/09)
- Musket Ridge admitted to MISGA (General Administration provisional conditions) (9/15/09)
- Cress Creek W.VA admitted to MISGA (General Administration provisional conditions) (9/15/09)
- The Nassawango Country Club reinstated in MISGA. (12/8/09)

Resigned MISGA

- Andrews A.F.B. resigned MISGA (7/21/87)
- Waynesboro Country Club resigned MISGA. (12/2/92)
- Brooke Manor Country Club resigned MISGA (9/25/93)
- Hunt Valley Country Club resigned MISGA (12/3/98)
- The Beach Club resigned MISGA (12/13/00)
- Bethesda Country Club resigned MISGA (2/27/02)
- The Garrison Lake Golf Club resigned MISGA. (9/16/03)

- The Nassawango Club resigned MISGA. (12/11/03)
- Westwinds Golf Club resigned MISGA. (12/01/06)
- The Bay Club resigned MISGA (12/01/06)
- Seaford Country Club resigned MISGA (12/8/09)

Club Name Changes

- Cambridge is now Clearview at Horn's Point (3/27/07)
- Bear Creek is now called Westminster National Golf Club. (1/17/08)
- Tantallon Resort and Golf Club is now National Golf Club at Tantallon. (8/15/08)

Awards

Green Jacket Awards

- **Ken Wallgren** was awarded the MISGA Green Jacket for outstanding service to MISGA. The jacket was presented at the Manor C. C. Christmas Party. (12/15/09)
- **Peter Sorge** was awarded the MISGA Green Jacket for outstanding service to MISGA. The jacket was presented at the Manor C. C. Christmas Party. (12/16/08)
- **Tom Tarpley** was awarded a green jacket for many years of outstanding service. The award was presented at the Manor Christmas Party in December 2007. (12/11/07)
- **C.J. Myers** and **Charlie Fieldhouse** both received outstanding service awards for dedicated service to MISGA. The green jackets were presented at the Manor Christmas Party in December 2005. (12/xx/05)
- C.J. Myers proposed an outstanding service award in the form of a jacket bearing the MISGA crest be presented to **Sam Hastings** for his 20 years of dedicated service. The honor is to be conferred at the April 10, 2000 annual meeting. Approved. (11/29/99)
- President Meyer recommended a special award be presented to Ray Keany and Merle Shumaker for their work on the MISGA History. It was moved, seconded, and passed. (6/4/96)
- That a special award for Outstanding Service (beyond the call of duty) be established and should be a golf blazer with the MISGA emblem. (7/13/93)

General Awards

- President Bob Turner presented **Charlie Fieldhouse** with a new Canon G10 camera in appreciation for his efforts in taking photographs at various meetings and events. (12/9/08)
- Dick Hunt "Man of the Year" (12/xx/01)
- The Committee also recommended that a permanent Awards Committee be formed, consisting of the Division Directors and the Vice President as chairman. They shall be responsible for implementing these recommendations. (7/13/93)
- A man of the year award be established and should be a golf shirt with MISGA Logo and inscribed "Man of the Year". (7/13/93)
- The Special Events Committee Members receive mementos similar to a money clip with the MISGA Logo attached. (7/13/93)
- Awards Committee recommended that all Board Officers receive an inscribed memento Plate with the MISGA Logo attached (of various sizes). (7/13/93)
- A plaque be obtained upon which the MISGA Annual Tournament Champions can be inscribed each year. The winning club would retain the plaque until the next Annual Tournament. (4/19/85)

Other Activities and Events

- A motion was made to schedule only one Fall Frolic in 2009. The motion was approved. (9/2/08)
- The Guidelines for the Spring Fling, Fall Frolic, The Winter Frolic, and the Board Bash are approved. (9/11/01)
- Change to read: Only two Fall Frolics will be held until participation increases. (9/11/01)
- Authorization given for Division I to negotiate a new three year deal With Ocean City Yacht and Golf Club to host the Spring Fling. (2/20/01)
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- Only TWO Fall Frolics will be held in 1999.

(12/3/98)

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