



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*My Experience as President Has Been Great  
And I Owe it to You - The Membership!*

By Robert Panuska

It is with a bittersweet feeling that I draft this, my final column as your president. My experience the past two years has been great and I owe it to you, the members of the MGCSA. I am humbled and honored to have served as your president.

I have had the opportunity to work with many very dedicated members of this association. They are the people who deserve a "pat on the back" for a "job well done." Countless hours go into the business of making a professional association as successful as the MGCSA. The people who have "stepped up to the plate" and served on our board or on our many committees have given their all and I thank them for their service.

I would also like to thank Scott and Jeff Turtinen for the outstanding work they do for us. These guys are the oil that keeps all the details of the day-to-day operations running smoothly. Thank you both for all you do for the MGCSA!

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**Congratulations to Steve Garske** our 2005 Distinguished Service Award recipient and Professor Bradley Pedersen, from the Department of Horticultural Science at the U of M, our Presidential Lifetime Achievement award recipient. Of course, both of these individuals were honored at our recognition banquet at The Wilds Golf Club on December 7. Look for their stories in this issue of *Hole Notes*.

**Also, congratulations to all the service award recipients** who were honored at the banquet as well. Please let us know if you like the format of having an annual banquet to recognize our members and gather for a relaxing evening out. Thank you to everyone who attended as well as our event sponsors who are responsible for keeping the cost of the banquet very reasonable.

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**I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Minnesota Green Expo** January 4, 5 and 6 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Again this year, our Conference and Education Committee has put together an outstanding lineup of sessions and speakers.

**Don't forget to attend our Annual Business Meeting** which will be held during the Green Expo on Thursday, January 5 at 1:00. Check your program for the meeting location.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement.

- Rob

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