President's Message

We have all just returned from an exceptionally beneficial national conference that will help all of us improve many of our management practices. Boston, like all of our national meetings, had a very well organized educational program that covered many aspects of our too numerous to mention jobs. In that all of the responsibilities of a golf course superintendent are very many and technical, we should all be sure to mark our calendars for the upcoming annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Association on February 12 and 13 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore. Highlights of our conference will be speakers on OSHA and EPA. We will also hear a panel discussion on Tri Calcium use in our Mid-Atlantic area and hear from our own Warren Bidwell from Congressional Country Club who will discuss landscaping techniques on the golf course and club grounds. Please send in your reservation cards if you have not already done so.

Our new Board of Directors and their respective positions are listed below. Please feel free to contact any member of our board for any assistance or information that may be of help to you.

Bill Emerson — Educational Chairman
Takes charge of our annual conference and speakers for our monthly meeting.

Angelo Cammarota — Financial Chairman
Takes charge of our budget and audits monthly financial statements.

Dick Silvar — Membership Chairman
Takes charge of processing membership applications and the annual membership directory.

Sam Kessel — Golf Chairman
Takes charge of the annual golf tournament, handicaps, and our monthly meeting tournaments.

Dennis McCammon — Editorial and Publicity Chairman
Takes charge of outside association publicity and soliciting and contributing newsletter material.

Alex Watson — Social Chairman
Takes charge of social and fraternal flowers to the sick, deceased and widows fund. Al is also taking charge of our social activities, ladies night and our family picnic.

Paul Barefoot — National Affairs Chairman
Takes charge of communications with the National Headquarters and will work with George Cleaver for the benefit of the Mid-Atlantic membership. Paul is also Vice President this year.

George Thompson — Employment Chairman
Takes charge of job opening notices and as past president will serve in an advisory capacity to the board.

I feel we will have a profitable and productive year with our new Board of Directors. I hope that each member will profit from the programs and activities that the Board has planned for the following year.

Lee Dieter

44th GCSAA CONFERENCE AND SHOW

Boston, our international conference location for 1973, brought about a record crowd of 4,362 registrants, some 200 more than attended our record breaking Cincinnati conference in 1972. The Mid-Atlantic also produced a record attendance of over 86 members and 28 wives for a grand total of 114. Hopefully we will boast an even larger attendance at next year’s Anaheim Conference, February 17-22 in California.
A total of seven educational assemblies, featuring over 50 speakers, highlighted our 5 day program of education. Unfortunately, little time was found for viewing the historic sites of Boston. Supplementing our agenda of educational assemblies were two floors of equipment displays in excess of 42,000 square feet of floor space in the Hynes Auditorium. Virtually every form of mechanical equipment was on display this year from more than 140 exhibitors.

Other conference highlights were the Monday Night Boston Tee Party, hosted by the New England GCSAA and our annual banquet and dance held at the headquarters Boston Sheraton Hotel on Thursday night.

Last, but not least, the biggest highlight of the conference for our Mid-Atlantic members was the successful election of George Cleaver to the National GCSAA Board of Directors. George captured a total of 1,613 votes to secure the highest number of votes of any delegate running for office. All of us in the Mid-Atlantic are proud of George and his increasingly long list of achievements. George has been an active member of the Mid-Atlantic ever since he came to our area in 1959. George served the Mid-Atlantic organization as president, secretary-treasurer for four years, director, and chairman and member of numerous committees, as well as being editor of the monthly newsletter. George also was a featured speaker on "The Superintendent's Viewpoint" at the Boston conference.

Congratulations, George, the Mid-Atlantic will be supporting your climb to the top in the ensuing years and wish you a successful term of office as a new director with the GCSAA.

Angelo Cammarota and Bill Livingston received their 25 year pins at the annual membership meeting during the Boston conference. This pin signifies that the recipient has been an active member of the GCSAA for 25 years.

Left Angelo Cammarota  Right – Bill Livingston