

It is hard to believe it is 2007 already! Seems like just yesterday, we were in Napa for our 2006 Annual Meeting.

As we move forward into the 21st century, we see the times changing around us every day. This is true with our association as well. It is no longer our father's GCSANC. Members needs have changed as well as the association's economic overview. We rarely see golf courses allowing us to hold meetings and golf with out charging us, which was common at one time. The demands on our time and the priorities we set for how we use our time has changed as well. The Board of Directors struggles with how to give value to the members in these changing times. How do we reach and engage more members? How do we meet the needs of today's superintendent, with more education, career assistance or DPR hours? These issues will surely challenge boards of the future.

In an attempt to address some of these concerns, we have taken a step out of the old mold with our Regional Holiday Gatherings this year. The survey we sent out, told us that travel and time were two factors that impacted participation at past events. So we attempted to address those issues with the new concept of regional events. Let's know what you thought of the change in format.

In 2007, the Board will again be looking for members to serve on committees, please contact a board member if you can help.

As we look back on 2006, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Association Manager Barb Mikel. This woman has been the backbone of our association for many years. Barb works mostly behind the scenes, but without her tireless efforts we would be lost. She makes our jobs as directors and officers much easier and helps us to keep moving forward year after year. Thank you, Barb!

I would also like to thank a group that that supports us year after year, our affiliate members. With out the support of our affiliates it would be next to impossible for us hold meetings and golf outings. We ask them time and time again to help us and they have been there whenever we ask. Hopefully by continuing to do business with our affiliate members we can show our appreciation. Thank you all for your continued support!

As my term as president comes to a close I would like to personally thank all of our members for your support and participation in our association. We have a very engaged membership and it has been an honor to serve on the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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