

We are well into the New Year and we are gearing up for a great one! This is our 75th year and plans are under way for grand celebration.

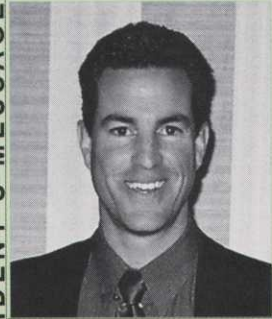
Congratulations to our new and returning Board members; Brian Netz, CGCS, Vice President, Chris Mains, Secretary/Treasurer, Gill Stiles, Past President, Directors Thomas Bastis, CGCS, Steve Byrne, Brian Morris, CGCS, Pete Bowman, CGCS, and Craig Zellers. I appointed Andy Tittle to a one-year term to fill the vacancy of the 4th Director's position. Once again we have a very talented team to lead us this year.

The five areas that I will be focusing on this year are:

1. Communication – There is always room for improvement in this area and our Association is no exception. We will continue using modern technology to publicize as much information as possible. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Board members.
2. Events – Continue to analyze each event and verify that it is meeting the membership's needs (i.e., PDI units, DPR hours, etc.) We need to engage as many members as possible.
3. Strategic Plan – This is our "road map" for the Association and is a living document. The plan will be updated as the Association adjusts to members needs. We will have detailed SOP's written for each Committee this year.
4. Allied Associations – Continue building our working relationships with all of our fellow association (i.e. NCGA, PGA, CMAA, NGCOA, etc.)
5. Camaraderie – This has been the key to our success for the past 74 years. The members of this Association have a wealth of information and are each willing to share their knowledge with one other.

I am looking forward to a great year. Get involved, call your fellow members and invite them to one of our meetings. I assure you, you won't be sorry you did and you just might make a few new friends in the process.

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