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President's Message

I would like to thank the membership for electing me to direct the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents in 1986. It is certainly a privilege to have the opportunity to lead the fine organization that we have. During the next year I plan to reinforce the programs and procedures we have as well as introduce new ideas that will benefit us all.

Some of the first orders of business will be to follow up on the salary and budget survey conducted in 1984. I am sure that anyone who has reviewed the recent national surveys, done by the G.C.S.A.A. and the National Golf Foundation; will conclude the results represent too large of a geographic area to reach any conclusions concerning budgets in the Chicago area. We as members need to assimilate our own data with which we can make responsible decisions concerning our own compensation and our clubs expenditures. The other pending project is to have a new directory printed. This will take place immediately after the final deadline for 1986 dues payments. At this time all unpaid members will be removed from the membership list and the directory will be published; thus providing an accurate accounting of the membership.

It is evident to me that the success of any given president or board depends upon communication. By this I not only mean that we communicate effectively, but also, that the members have an open line of communication to the board. As an elected board we are here to guide and execute the wishes of the membership, not dictate their needs. So, I will ask as my predecessors have, to please make your voice heard and if possible serve on a committee; because as our association grows and interests peak so do the demands put upon your board. We need your help in order to maintain the level of success our organization has achieved.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Holiday Season. I hope to see many of you at the North Central Turfgrass Exposition in Peoria.

David R. Behrman