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President's Message

I want to thank the membership of M.A.G.C.S., Inc. for electing me your new president for 1987. I would also like to thank those who have supported me the past three years as a member of the board of directors.

As a member of M.A.G.C.S. since 1981, I have witnessed a substantial increase in the dedication, professionalism, and strong leadership that has been exhibited by the executive committee and supporting board members. As a proud superintendent, and newly elected president of this association, I vow to uphold and enhance the commitment toward excellence. With the guaranteed support of all board members, and a membership that elects to become involved, this association will continue to grow.

In order to achieve our goals for '87, I ask for your support. All committees within the organization need your input, especially the golf committee. A tremendous amount of time and effort are spent to provide the association with well organized and enjoyable golf outings. The arrangements committee is always looking for new courses or clubs to hold meetings and outings, so don't hesitate to volunteer. The education committee seeks volunteers to speak at monthly meetings and the annual turf clinic. This allows the membership a good opportunity to share new ideas, review old methods in turfgrass management, or simply voice your opinion. Speaking of education, I will remind everyone to attend our Annual Turf Clinic to be held on Dec. 10 at the O'Hare Expo Center in conjunction with the NCTE.

I begin my year as president with a very good foundation, financially speaking. The 1987 fiscal year began Oct. 1 with a balance of \$14, 468.77. I would expect to end the year on Sept. 30, 1987 with a minimum of \$8,000.00 balance in our account. As the association continues to grow, so does our financial responsibilities. In 1986, we had a total income of almost \$90,000.00 and I would project that we will approach \$100,000.00 for the 1987 budget. Excluding the ordinary operating expenses, I would insist that a fair amount of monies will be donated to support turfgrass research in the State of Illinois.

I am looking forward to a great year in 1987. The current board of directors will no doubt be a pleasure to work with, for they have pledged their full support. I wish to welcome newly elected board members Dennis Wilson, Brian Chalifoux and Dave Loutitt. A special thanks to past presidents Dave Behrman, Roger Stewart, and Len Berg for their encouragement and support.

James E. Evans

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