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President's Message

As I write this month's message the one thing on my mind is organizing for the trip to San Francisco and the 57th International Golf Course Conference and Show. I hope all of you were able to attend, the GCSAA prepared another exemplary program.

Of course as you read this you are just returning to work and plowing through the mail left during your absence. If you have been on an extended vacation you might even find your MAGCS dues notice in the pile. If this is the case you are late. Dues were due on or before the 1st of January, 1986. Those of you who did not find your dues notice might also want to check and make sure that they have been paid. I mention this because at the December 5th meeting of the Board of Directors of the MAGCS a motion was made and passed concerning dues. The gist of which is as follows: Any member who has failed to pay their dues for any reason as of March 1st (60 days past due) will be removed from the membership role and will be required to re-apply as a new member paying all fees including the standard application fee, if said person desires to be a member of the MAGCS. This measure was passed to facilitate bookkeeping and to enable us to produce an accurate directory. The board thanks you for your cooperation.

On another note, I find it necessary to make the membership aware that the MAGCS has an employment committee. The purpose of this committee is to assist golf courses who are entering the process of hiring a new golf course superintendent. The committee goals are to help the club establish what abilities the position demands, give information concerning the compensation levels currently existing for such a position, and make the club aware of the high caliber of individuals available in the Chicago area. This is **not** a job placement service, the committee serves the entire membership and strives to make the job market in Chicago fair and competitive. My reason for relaying these facts is to let everyone know that it serves the best interests of all concerned that if you are leaving a position or a club has asked for your assistance concerning an opening, that you refer the clubs search committee to the MAGCS employment committee. Such action will strengthen the role of the MAGCS in Chicago and help the club insure that its opening receives maximum exposure, enabling all qualified individuals to participate in the selection process.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected officials of the GCSAA. Their election represents a tremendous amount of dedication and interest in the future of our profession. Their efforts in the next year will play an intricate part in the continuing advancement of golf course superintendents as a whole. Let us all ask in our own way that they receive the wisdom and guidance necessary to lead us to new heights.

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