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President's Message

If you stop your education the world will pass you by. In a dynamic profession like golf course management we must keep up with the current technology of the industry. The members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents are fortunate to have a number of offerings available in the area of continuing education. I hope you all take advantage of the learning opportunities before we are back to the hectic pace of the growing season.

The North Central Turfgrass Exposition is one of the stronger regional conferences and shows in the country. We are fortunate to have had this held in St. Charles for the past few years. Next year we will participate in the NCTE in Peoria. I encourage all of our members to make plans to attend the NCTE and be supportive of the efforts of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation.

Each January the MAGCS co-sponsors a seminar or two with the GCSAA. This year the topic was "Golf Course Construction Techniques and Management." Over 70 people were in attendance at this year's seminar and many were placed on a waiting list. Pete Leuzinger has worked in conjunction with our Education Committee in scheduling these seminars and we appreciate his efforts. If you have any ideas for next year's seminar contact our Education Committee.

The MAGCS Education Committee developed a super program for our January meeting. Mike Crandal did an outstanding job of showing us how to enhance our performance. His ideas on attitudes for success and raising levels of expectations should prove to help all of us in our personal and professional lives. We look forward to some exciting programs like this at most of our MAGCS monthly meetings.

The GCSAA Conference & Show is being held in Orlando this year and a little later than normal. I hope that many of our members are able to attend the "Greatest Show on Turf." The show gets bigger and better every year. The pre-conference seminar offerings have something for everyone. The concurrent educational sessions have grown over the years and GCSAA should be commended for their educational program. Several MAGCS members are scheduled as speakers at the conference. Please try to attend their sessions.

With all of these educational offerings to update us and keep us informed we are quite fortunate in Chicago. If you are still hungry for knowledge or merely wish to take a trip back to your alma mater then think about attending the conferences at Penn State, Purdue, or Michigan State. Another fine conference is right across the border in Wisconsin at the Milwaukee Turf Symposium.

Don't let the world pass you by. Take advantage of the numerous offerings in continuing education. Stay current with the rapidly changing regulations and legislation. Keep up with the latest technology. Continuing education is one of the most important factors for success in our industry. See you at the next meeting or seminar.

Best wishes for continued success.

Bruce R. Williams, CGCS
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