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President's Message

by **Bruce R. Williams, CGCS**
MAGCS President
GCSAA Director

The upcoming year will be an extremely busy time for me as I have been chosen to serve as a Director of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America. It should prove to be an exciting and challenging year. I am eager to get involved in the planning and direction of GCSAA. I value the input of our MAGCS members and would appreciate you forwarding any comments or suggestions regarding GCSAA. It would be preferable if the comments are in a written form so that we have a formal record.

Election to the GCSAA Board of Directors does not come easy and it could have not been accomplished without the help of many people. My thanks to those individuals who put in a good word with their friends across the country. Special thanks to Len Berg, Mike Bavier, and Paul Voykin for their guidance and work behind the scenes. Al Fierst did a super job of preparing the campaign brochures, badge stickers, and banner. Penny and Dave Meyer outdid themselves with the best Hospitality Suite in Las Vegas. Thanks to the many commercial members of the MAGCS who provided the funds to sponsor our hospitality room. Keep their support in mind when making your purchases this year.

I am most grateful to our two voting delegates, Roger Stewart and Bob Maibusch, for their diligence in the pursuit of our goal. The job of a voting delegate is often taken for granted by many. It is a job in which you make many sacrifices on behalf of the MAGCS and GCSAA. Rog and Bob spent most of their time in Las Vegas working for the campaign. They met with other delegates, from morning until late at night, speaking on my behalf. They met a lot of new people and had a rewarding experience. Our positive results would not have been possible without them.

The year ahead will be a challenge. I look forward to working with GCSAA and I am excited about the programs we have prepared for the MAGCS. There is no better time to be involved in both associations as the membership wants to be a positive part of the advancement of our profession. Thanks again to all of you who have made this possible.