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President's Message



Ray Schmitz

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As the days start to gradually get longer and the thought of spring approaches, one's attention is drawn to attending the GCSAA Convention which is being held in New Orleans, Feb. 10-17. Each year I am continually amazed by the number and quality of educational opportunities available and by the amount of turf related equipment that is on display. My hat is off to the GCSAA staff for doing an excellent job of arranging and co-ordinating this convention year after year. This year 20,000 people are expected to attend.

The MAGCS will again provide a hospitality room in the Riverside Towers at the Headquarters Hotel on Feb. 14, 15 and 16th from 5-9 P.M. This gathering place provides an excellent opportunity to meet new friends and to renew old acquaintances. The room is sponsored by commercial members along with the MAGCS and everyone is welcome. Commercial members who help defray some of the cost will be honored with their name on a wall plaque which will be displayed in the room.

Let's all give our support to MAGCS past president Bruce Williams who is a candidate for the board of directors of the GCSAA. Bruce is currently serving on the board of directors for our national association and is seeking election for a two year term. It gives me a feeling of pride to have a MAGCS member serving on the board of directors for the GCSAA.

Good luck to our MAGCS chapter golf teams at the GCSAA Tournament in Florida. The last time our chapter won the championship was in 1989. Every year our team entries finish high in the standings and our guys are well respected in the tournament.

For MAGCS members who are unable to attend the convention in New Orleans I will try to give a brief summary of events in one of my upcoming presidents messages. For those who are planning to attend — have a safe trip.

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