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President's Message



Ray Schmitz

As the holiday season has passed I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable period during which one makes an effort to relax and reflect and spent some time with their families.

The NCTE was held December 2-4 and was well attended even though some of us had to plow snow the morning of the second day. Over 1000 persons had preregistered to attend the 3 day event. The MAGCS presented a check for \$2000 to the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation at their December 3rd annual meeting. This money was targeted for research at the University of Illinois. Hopefully, we will see and hear more from the turfgrass research that is going on the U. of I. It is disappointing to hear that the University plans to continue to cut back on some of its agriculture programs.

At the December meeting of the MAGCS board of directors it was decided to have a representative of the commercial advisory committee sit in on future board meetings, in a non voting capacity. After much discussion, the board of directors made this decision to create a better exchange of information between all membership classes. When last counted the class E or associate members account for 35% of the 620 total members. The MAGCS board of directors does recognize all the contributions the commercial members have provided at monthly meetings, ads in the **Bull Sheet**, and sharing sponsorship at the hospitality room during the GCSAA convention.

The next MAGCS meeting will be held Monday, January 13th at Arrowhead C.C. Dave Blomquist, chairman of the education committee has promised to have an enlightening speaker for the educational session. Hope to see you there to gain from this experience and to share in some fellowship.