

On Course with the President



Don Cross,
President, MAGCS

As I begin this message, it is a few short days from our venture to, what we hope will be, sunny and warm Orlando. Having worked outside for most of the winter, I'm definitely ready to enjoy a little more reasonable weather.

With this writing in advance of the Conference, it is difficult to comment as to the ultimate outcome of various events, but I will speculate nevertheless. The efforts of a dedicated and committed staff and board at GCSAA Headquarters have again provided its membership with the finest educational offering of any in our industry. A record number of seminars, numerous, timely topics in the concurrent sessions, the environmental forum, the Audubon workshop, and a trade show that continues to grow all provided us with ample opportunity to learn. The magical locale of Orlando served to further the overall success of this main attraction. We will return having made new contacts, being better prepared to solve special problems at our facilities, and possessing an invigorated and energized perspective. Before long, we'll be full swing into a new golf season; and the lessons we learned in Orlando

will, unquestionably, pay dividends throughout the year.

Congratulations are certainly in order for Bruce R. Williams, newly elected GCSAA President. The "Midwest" is very proud of his ascendancy through the positions of GCSAA office, and we can be assured that his professionalism and effective leadership will bode well for the association throughout this new year. We wish you the best, Bruce!!!

Hopefully, many of you had the opportunity to visit the MAGCS hospitality suite. Several months of planning and effort behind the scenes are required to insure that this is a successful event. In previous years, Al Fierst quietly and efficiently performed this duty; and this year, in the same manner, Brian Bossert carried on. Thanks for all your hard work, Brian! Of course, special recognition needs to be given to the many contributors to the Gold Tee Club, those who make it possible for us to enjoy our hospitality suite. We sincerely appreciate your support! Let us all, in positions of purchasing responsibility, be sure to remember these commercial members and reciprocate the support with our business.

Finally, as I am acknowledging efforts and contributions, there are two additional individuals who need to be recognized: Roger Stewart and Bob Maibusch. While the rest of us, generally, enjoyed the freedom to roam as we pleased during conference week, these two, once again, expended considerable time and effort with all of the GCSAA candidates. Their task was to meet individually with each candidate, discuss the issues, determine their views, and learn the goals each had for himself and GCSAA. At the caucus, Roger and Bob then reported their findings to those in attendance to determine how our votes would be cast at the Annual Meeting. Our voting strength has a significant impact on the outcome of elections and other voting issues; and we, the MAGCS, are fortunate to be able to make informed voting decisions because of them.

Complete details of the voting results and other issues will be presented at our next regular MAGCS meeting on March 12 at Oak Brook Hills. See you there!!!

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