



**A**h, October—a time of pleasant change. The shorter days trigger the spectacular annual leaf color display. The cooler temperatures provide a renewed invigoration of our turfgrasses. The longer nights allow for a bit more needed and deserved rest. It is certainly a welcomed change for most of us.

It is a time for a change of pace. A time of desirable variation from the daily, hurried routines of mowing, trimming, raking, irrigating, and on and on, to a slightly more relaxed, more controlled pace. It is a great time for new plantings, renovation, and reconstruction tasks, allowing us to use our imagination and skills in design, scheduling, and production. The doldrums of summer have passed.

As change occurs with the weather and our course efforts, so does change occur in our association activities. This month signals the end of our golf events and the beginning of more focus on educational opportunities in the months to come. In November, the MAGCS will hold its 44th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic, which is always an enjoyable event. In December, we will cooperate with several other

allied associations and the ITF in the NCTE and in January, co-host, along with GCSAA, two one-day educational seminars.

October is also the final month before a change in the administration of the MAGCS. At the Annual Meeting held during the Midwest Clinic, a new Executive Committee will be elected to carry forth the tasks at hand. New ideas of change will likely be brought to the board via some newly-elected board members. While all of the above are favorable and beneficial changes for ourselves, our employment, and our association, a less pleasant change for our association has recently occurred. I say less pleasant not because his successor cannot fulfill his duties for the Midwest; on the contrary, I say this because he has given so much to our association, and we will, indeed, miss him. I refer, of course, to Roger Stewart.

As most of you know, Roger has accepted a new position at a TPC course in New Jersey; and while we all wish him the very best, we are sorry to see him leave. For twenty-one years, Roger has been an active, concerned, and dedicated member of the MAGCS. He has served on most of the committees, was president in 1984, and most recently, has been involved as our chapter voting delegate to GCSAA. His genuine interest, leadership, and advice over the years has helped make the MAGCS what we are today and brought respect and admiration from other chapters throughout the country. We all appreciate everything you have done for us, Roger. We wish you well in your new position and look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

With Roger stepping down as delegate, the position will be filled by former alternate delegate, Bob Maibusch. Bob has been involved for several years, is quite knowledgeable of the process, and is fully capable of performing the responsibilities ahead. The Board of Directors, relying heavily on recommendations from Roger and Bob, will be appointing an alternate at the next board meeting on September 5. I will notify you of the selection.

Change is inevitable in any profession and in any association. It is healthy and essential. The Midwest has always tried to prepare for these changes, whether it be educational topics, association operations or publications. We will have to proceed with change if we are to continue to enhance our member services, our association's presence, our reputation in the industry, and, in general, our outstanding profession.

Enjoy the changing seasons and opportunities ahead. I hope you can join us (for a change, if it applies) at our next regular meeting on October 8 at Bryn Mawr Country Club.

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