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Thank you all for allowing me the honor of serving as your association president for the next year. It is humbling to look at the list of past presidents who have distinguished themselves as industry leaders both locally and nationally.

I hope that in the next year, I can reinforce your decision to allow me to serve. I am sure that there will be instances when I will upset individuals, and that, unfortunately, goes with the territory. Be assured, however, that although we may disagree, I do respect every member's right to an opinion on the direction of our association. Also, please remember that a simple written note is much more likely to receive an appropriate response than a hasty comment in passing at a meeting. Being on the Board of Directors for a number of years has taught me that our membership is not afraid to offer an opinion. Although I value every opinion, my memory may betray me at times. A written request or suggestion will receive the appropriate attention

that a forgotten or misinterpreted comment may lack.

While I generally concur with the old saying "If it isn't broke, don't fix it," regarding the association, I do think that there are changes that this association can make to enhance member services and the profession in general. We will continue to work with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America to promote the profession, but more importantly, this association must remain proactive in promoting the accomplishments of our members and trumpeting the ways that they enhance the value of the facilities that they manage.

Many of our members who are recognized as success stories got there through a combination of tenacity, indomitable spirit, and not compromising their individualism or principles in making difficult decisions. When an entire association is comprised of individuals of this caliber, it sometimes appears difficult to find common ground. However, it has always been my experience that people in our profession will compromise to make things work. This has been true in our daily work and in the management of your association.

I am assured by the talented officers and directors that I am privileged to serve with that this spirit of cooperation and compromise will continue to prevail. The entire membership is lucky to have these people working on their behalf. The same can be said for all of the committee members, and I would encourage any member who wishes to get involved to contact a committee chairman and offer his assistance, especially those of you with strong opinions.

As we enter the holiday season, please allow yourselves an opportunity to enjoy more time with friends and families. They are the ones who constantly compromise to accommodate our hectic schedules, and they deserve our undivided attention at this special time of the year. My best wishes go out to all of you.

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