



# 2008 GCSAA Assistant Superintendent Committee

## **John Ekstrom, Hinsdale Golf Club**

It was my pleasure again this year to be apart of the GCSAA Assistant Superintendent Committee. We met on March 11-12 in Lawrence, KS at the GCSAA Headquarters.

This year's group was chaired by newest GCSAA board member John O'Keefe, CGCS from New Jersey. The biggest derivatives of these meetings were that this committee focused on ideas on how to engage more assistants in their chapters. Even taking that a step further, creating a template proposal for chapters if they decide to pursue assistant involvement. This template, if seen to fruition, will encase many ideas from the MAGCS Assistant Committee. The goal is to promote chapters to welcome assistant involvement and share ideas on benefits, implementation, activities, etc.

Having been involved with our Assistants Committee since its inception in 2003, and our chapter unarguably leading the way in this area, I was happy to share many of our ideas. Each of the ten members on our committee represented a different chapter, and unfortunately two of those chapters have already declined assistant involvement. Again, thank you MAGCS Superintendents and Board for allowing assistant participation. Whenever I meet people from other chapters, it is humbling to me in that I take for granted the opportunities we have in the Midwest.

## **MAGCS Members Serving on GCSAA Committees (2008)**

**John Ekstrom** –Assistant Superintendent Committee

**Fred Behnke, CGCS** – Strategic Communications Committee

**Luke Cella, CGCS** – Strategic Communications Committee

**Jon Jennings, CGCS** – Chapter Relations Committee

**Erwin McKone, CGCS** – Election Committee

**Dan Dinelli, CGCS** – Environmental Programs Committee & Competency Task Group

**Bob Maibusch, CGCS, MG** – Professional Development Committee

**Kerry Satterwhite, CGCS** – Compensation and Benefits Task Group

**Bryan Bielecki** - Compensation and Benefits Task Group

**Michael Heustis** – Competency Task Group