

President's Message



As your President, I must admit I've always had difficulty trying to write a quarterly message for *The South Florida Green*. I would usually procrastinate and hope for divine providence. When this failed, I would read other publications with President's messages for inspiration. So naturally one would think I would be ecstatic, this being my final message. No, I am not resigning as President, nor have I found another job and am moving, but *The South Florida Green* is.

As was discussed at our last meeting, *The South Florida Green* will become the new state magazine effective with the July issue. At our State Meeting on April 7, 1980, I made the motion *The South Florida Green* become the state magazine. This motion was unanimously approved. It was then followed by another motion that the same guidelines used to run *The South Florida Green* be continued. It was generally agreed upon that income generated by the magazine's first several issues would be set aside to insure the magazines solvency as well as its quality.

We in South Florida have seen *The South Florida Green* grow from a simple six-page magazine to its present national status. This transformation was not achieved overnight, nor was it solely the work of one person. So it is only natural for those of us who have been associated with this magazine to feel a little melancholy with it leaving South Florida. I guess one could compare the growth of the magazine to the growth of a child. Now the time has come for the child to leave home and though we hate to see it go, we know if it is to continue to grow and be successful, it will need the support of more than just the superintendents in South Florida.

I do want to thank all of the members of the South Florida Superintendents Association for the unselfish stand they have taken on this issue as well as other issues this past year. I know it is not always easy to make a sacrifice or change in the name of a greater cause. The Board and I have mixed emotions about some decisions we have had to make this past year. They have not been easy. I do hope, however, they have been the right ones.

Farewell *South Florida Green*, we will miss you, but we wish you continued success in your new role as a communications tool for all the superintendents throughout the state of Florida.

Alan Witzel