



President's Message

The GCSAA Executive Committee recently approved the new certification long-range plan. The plan is an extensive document which required a tremendous amount of time to prepare. The certification program of GCSAA in the past has been a very controversial topic. The main comments have been that the examination process (open book) was too easy and the value once obtained meant nothing.

The success of any professional educational program rests on the attitude of those in that profession. It is obvious the attitude in the past was negative.

The new program adopted will mean something. Although some of the programs and requirements seem almost unreachable presently, I think they are necessary for us to progress in the future. The program is not cast in concrete in its present form. There will be changes for sure; but it is a start. The program needs our acceptance in form and attitude to be different.

The 1984 FT - GA Conference and show will be held in Tampa on September 30 thru October 3. The Golf Turf Educational Program should be the best yet. One of the highlights of the conference will be up to date reports on the progress of I.F.A.S. turfgrass research.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of our nine chapters. Please continue to communicate any assistance your chapter needs to your Florida Golf Course Superintendent Representative.■

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