



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**It is a great privilege to receive the confidence of my peers to be elected President of what many people feel is the strongest Superintendent Chapter in the nation.**

**The last five years the FGCSA has accomplished its goals because of aggressive and intelligent leadership along with strong cooperative Chapters. The initial goal was to consolidate the state's 9 local Chapters to become a strong influence nationally in GCSAA. The influence was obtained in becoming the largest voting group in the nation, the election of John Hayden, CGCS, to the GCSAA Board, winning the National Golf Tournament Chapter Championship twice out of the last three years, receiving several key committee assignments within GCSAA along with gaining significant recognition by wearing the brightest blue jackets in GCSAA history.**

**With the FGCSA original goals accomplished, a new direction was approved at our last Board meeting. The long range planning committee presented the following: A program that consisted of continuing exciting programs and also implementation of an aggressive public relations campaign. The main goal of our new direction will be to promote the professionalism of the golf course Superintendent at his own club and with the golfing community. More information on how this project will be carried out will be forthcoming.**

**The FGCSA will continue to work closely with F.T.G.A. and I.F.A.S. of the University of Florida with ongoing research projects. The main topic in 1983 creating great concern among many Florida golf course Superintendents had to be "Bermudagrass Decline". Recent research although it has not provided a cause or cure, it has defined its symptoms, established factors affecting its occurrence, usual time of year and a cultural practice that retards the decline. The most important part of your job is to obtain this documented data and make your members and club aware.**

**I look forward to serving you during the coming year. Feel free to contact me or your Chapter External Vice President and let your feelings and suggestions be known. Remember, our Board meetings are open to all FGCSA members and I encourage you to attend.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don DeLaney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.