

Everglades Chapter: Looking to the Future

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In years past, the Everglades Golf Course Superintendents Association relied on the same few dependable individuals to take care of business, year after year. These were the superintendents who pulled together an organization that benefitted all its members, even those who didn't have the time or means to help with the burden.

With elections that were held last June, that has changed. A new generation of superintendents is now at the helm of the EVGCSA, evidence of interest in the Association among younger members.

The new President of the Association, Cary Lewis (Vintage Country Club in Fort Myers), has set a list of goals for his administration that will require a great deal of hard work.

Those goals include a new set of Bylaws which will coincide with the new set of National Bylaws. He plans to upgrade the services provided to the members and create an internal certification program to help member superintendents who aren't yet certified.

Lewis also hopes to establish a liaison with the South Florida PGA in order to promote an improved working relationship between pros and superintendents.

Closer to home, Lewis is making an outline of important dates (Poa Annuua, monthly meetings, etc.) that can be passed on from one Board of Directors to the next, so that when new officers are elected, they'll know what needs to be done and when.

Another item being discussed is the possibility of a permanent part-time secretary to keep track of mailing addresses, dues, membership lists, etc.

But Lewis' primary goal is for the Association to continue its quality performance for its members. That won't be possible unless younger members take an active role in supporting the Association.

A lack of interest and involvement among younger members would result in the waste of years of dilligent hard work that the veteran superintendents put into the Association. ■



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