

A Job Well Done

President's Message



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It will be interesting to see if the GCSAA International Conference and Show can possibly get any better than this year's spectacular event in Orlando. From the educational sessions to the trade show to the many fine receptions, this year's show will not be forgotten anytime soon.

And how about Florida and its many fine superintendents being recognized for outstanding achievements at almost every affair during the conference and show? From our winning golf team (Florida #1) of Kevin Downing, Mark Hopkins, Buck Buckner and Jim Osborne to our National Environmental Steward Award Winner, Darren Davis, to Joel Jackson, our Editor-in-Chief of the top award-winning magazine, *The Florida Green*, Florida was a shining star among its peers.

The FGCSA, with the assistance of our industry's many valuable affiliates, also took top honors for its "gala" reception held on Friday night. Paul Crawford, you really outdid yourself on this one. How can you ever top it? Thanks goes to you from the FGCSA and the reception's sponsors for all of your hard work and a job well done!

Congratulations also go out to Gary Grigg, CGCS, now past president of the GCSAA, for his commitment and dedication to our profession through the years. Gary's presidential term of this past year will undoubtedly not be

forgotten, for he worked hard with his staff to help transform the GCSAA into a much more member-friendly organization.

The room on Friday night, in which the President's Reception was held in Gary's honor, was filled with many people who have had the opportunity to work with this great man, myself being one of them. For you see, my coming to Florida 10 years ago to be the golf course superintendent at Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club was because of Gary's recommendation. Many thanks to you, Gary, not only from me, but from everyone in the FGCSA.

Also, there were many other superintendents who are members of the FGCSA who received awards or were honored in Orlando that I have not mentioned. To all of you, congratulations on a job well done. All of our members should be proud of the accomplishments that were achieved by these FGCSA superintendents.

On another note, as expected, all bylaw changes for the GCSAA were approved as written. These changes carry some impacts with them that will affect the FGCSA and all of the local chapters. The Executive Board of the FGCSA is working on these bylaw changes and also on the affiliation agreements at this time. Hopefully all of the chapters will be able to review these changes and agreements before the Poa meeting in May. If anyone has any comments or concerns, please feel free to give me a call.