

**M**y predecessors have left our association in a quite enviable position. Over the years, our membership services have expanded, we have added additional staff, all without a dues increase. Your Board has always addressed this situation with great trepidation every year when it comes time

to approve the next year's operating budget for the FGCSA. Let me provide you with a little insight as to how we concluded our last fiscal year.

At the conclusion of fiscal year 1997-1998 the FGCSA financial statement reflected a balance of \$272,172.16 with a total account surplus of \$36,590.78.

These funds are divided among four accounts:

1. FGCSA Operating Account
2. FGCSA Research Account
3. *Florida Green* Account
4. Reserves (in CDs)

Decisions were made at our Summer Board Meeting to appropriate these funds in such a manner as not to incur a dues increase for 1998-1999. For example, we have commitments to ongoing, multi-year research projects and maintenance of the Otto Schmeisser Research Green in Fort Lauderdale. The Board authorized the transfer of \$20,000 of the surplus to the Research Account to cover these anticipated expenses. Your association

will continue to support various activities within our state, and nationally as well through either direct funding or donations. In the not-too-distant future the well may run dry as costs increase. Eventually, in order to maintain and expand our efforts, it may require a dues increase,

One manner in which the membership can avoid this possibility is to continue to support your local association's fund-raising events. The support that the FGCSA receives from its local chapters is unprecedented. Many times we have called on our locals for financial support and they have always responded when asked. Your active participation at the local level enables your chapter to respond when the state association asks for assistance.

On a different subject, our editor also asks the chapters for assistance for the Hands On section of the *Florida Green*. The focus in this issue is on overseeding. In the pages that follow, read how some of your peers responded about their overseeding programs. Many age-old questions that come up every year are addressed. From when to seed, what to seed with, to close or stay open, to that ever-popular question, "Why do we overseed when XYZ Club across the street doesn't?"

This topic is just one of the many that reflect the tremendous diversity under which our members operate. However you address this issue, and many of the other complex problems we deal with on a day-to-day basis, here's hoping we all have a successful season.

## Accounting and Hands On: Overseeding

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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