



Thank You

By Mike Semler



When I was elected President of the WGCSA in November of 1993, one of the first responses from immediate past president, Bruce Worzella, was a congratulations and a remark about how happy he was to be finished writing his twelve *President's Messages* for THE GRASSROOTS. We both commented on the difficulty of trying to come up with timely remarks that the members would, hopefully, think about and respond to. Now, however, after writing eleven messages with a small amount of difficulty, I am finding the last one to be the most difficult. I suspect that it is due to the fact that it is so final and truly signals the end to my service on the WGCSA board.

I wanted to conclude my tenure with the WGCSA with a few acknowledg-

ments and comments. I must start by thanking all of the past board members who I had served under, because they helped provide the basic guidance and background information to help me form opinions and ideas for my future service with the WGCSA. Secondly, I want to thank all of the present board members; they are the workhorses for the Association and really make the operation go. They made my job of being president very easy because of all of their hard work. And finally, I want to thank all of the members who participated in the Association's activities. Like I have stated in the previous messages, active members make our Association work and make all of boards' work worthwhile. Without all of you, the WGCSA would not be what it is.

The new board for the WGCSA has been elected and I can only hope that their service with our Association will be as rewarding as mine was for me. There is a certain amount of satisfaction that goes along with serving any Association on a voluntary basis. Some of it comes back as favorable comments and suggestions for the work being done. Some satisfaction comes by hoping that you have helped build and support a stronger Association. In the end, the majority of the reward comes purely in personal satisfaction.

In my case, I found all three of these past statements to be true. My service with the WGCSA was both personally rewarding and satisfying. I think I can honestly thank all of you for that! 🙏

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