



Time Does Fly!!!

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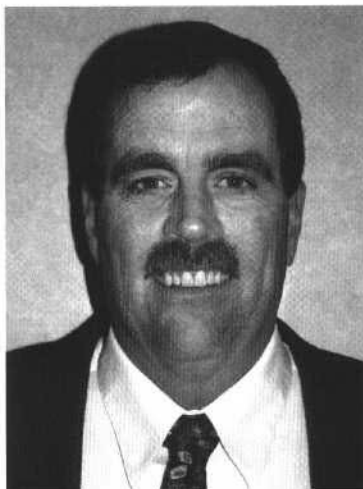
As I sit down to write my first President's Message, I must begin by thanking the membership for giving me this opportunity. I can't believe it has been eight years since Mark Kienert and Mike Semler asked if I would like to serve on the board of directors. Boy, the saying is true; time does fly. I am truly honored for this opportunity.

I would also like to thank past president, Marc Davison, for his contributions and commitment to our association. It will not be easy to fill his shoes and the past men who have served as president of our association. A big thank you goes to David Brandenburg, who has just finished serving as past president. I believe David has served our association for twelve years and will continue by again volunteering his time and energy to the *Grass Roots* as business manager. He is also taking on the task of distributing the 75th anniversary book. Thanks go to Pat Sisk for serving on the board these past few years, and to the current board of directors — thank you for your continued support and the contributions each of you make to our association. Chad Harrington and Mike Werth have earned my gratitude for volunteering to serve on the board of directors. Finally, thanks to David Oberle for taking on the vendor position on the board.

This year's Symposium was one of the best I have attended. I have not attended all forty like Ray Knapp, but this one was very good. A big thank you to all the committee members and especially to Milorganite for putting on this great educational opportunity.

At this year's fall meeting, a dues increase was voted on and passed. The increase will be ten dollars and will help off set some of the cost for the 75th anniversary book. I hope by this time everyone has received their copy. Gene Haas wrote a terrific book. If you wish to purchase a copy, please contact any of the board members and we will gladly send you a copy. The cost is twenty-five dollars, which includes postage.

The WTA EXPO has past and I hope many of you attended and supported the WTA. The WTA has stepped up once again and has committed the salary for one year to the position in the Soils Department, which became open when Dr. Kussow retired last year. Without the WTA's support, the position most



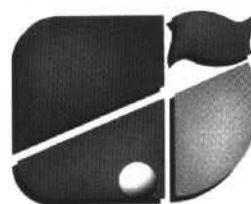
likely was not going to be filled for two years. With the WTA stepping up it shows the University of Wisconsin - Madison how vital this position is to all of us.

Once again the GCSAA Seminar (Preparing Your Course For A Tournament) was held in conjunction with the EXPO. Many of you know that PDI is underway this year and you will have to attain a certain amount of education and service point to keep your A or CGCS status. You can get most of these points by attending the EXPO and Symposium. There are various other ways to receive points: attend monthly meetings, writing articles,

coaching, serving on the board, etc. All it will take is a little time and commitment. The GCSAA is more than willing to help you in any way possible. Take a little time and think of ways you may be able to attend more monthly meetings, the Symposium, the EXPO and all the other opportunities your association has to offer.

With that said, I would also like to ask if you have any thoughts or ideas on what the board could do for you or your facility. If so, please contact one of us and let us know. We are always looking for new ideas be it education, holding a monthly meeting or what ever else we could do for you or the association.

Well that's about it for my first message. I hope my next one isn't about the possibility of winter kill or what else the evil's of winter may bring. Take care. ♻



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