

## Year End Highlights

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I would like to wish all members of the WGCSA a belated Happy New Year! I was fortunate to spend the holidays with family and friends. Even though recent years weather has extended the length of the golf season December snows and weather marked a definite end to golf here in WI. I hope this allowed you to enjoy some time away from your operations and you were able to be with those you love during the holidays as well.

I am happy to report that the moving of the WI Golf Turf Symposium back to the first week in December appears to be a positive change. Attendance was up over the previous years. The symposium committee will be meeting shortly to finalize dates for next year along with working on topics and themes for the event. It is my personal hope that we can continue to grow this event as it is our flagship educational event of the year. The support we receive from MMSD (Milorganite) allows us to bring in speakers from around the country and to have our unique day and a half event at one of the nicest meeting


locations in WI. I challenge all members to make it a 2013 resolution to attempt to attend this year!

Although we do not have a new President in Washington we do for the WGCSA. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Chad Harrington as our 42nd President of our Association. Thanks to the hard work and leadership of Jeff Millies and the 2012 Board of Directors our new leaders will be able to continue to focus on the future and challenges we will face this year. Our current leaders will be meeting and planning for 2013 in the coming days. If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions please seek out a board member (or myself) so your opinion can be heard.

I would also like to thank those of you that have renewed your membership for 2013. As I write this article I am happy to report that the renewal rate is well ahead of past years. Those who have not been able to renew yet please do so today. Any member that has missed the deadline PLEASE renew prior to March 1st so you

avoid the \$25.00 late fee.

Thanks to the generous support of the sponsor companies we have been able to again have a WI Hospitality event at this year's GIS in San Diego. I am currently completing the solicitation of the sponsors and hope that you join me in letting the sponsor companies know how much you appreciate their support. The support of the WI Room, Directory, Grass Roots, monthly meetings, and website by our Industry Partner companies is critical to our success. Please join me in supporting those companies that support us!

Lastly, I look forward to seeing many of you in Fond du Lac on February 25th for our annual Spring Business Meeting and Education day. Please consider making the time to attend. We have some interesting educational topics and will also be honoring six(6) members who have attained 25 Year Member Status during our brief but important business meeting. The education takes place in the morning followed by the business meeting right after lunch. 

### WGCSA MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association is committed to serve each member by promoting the profession and enhancing the growth of the game of golf through education, communication and research.

### WGCSA VISION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association is dedicated to increase the value provided to its members and to the profession by:

- Enhancing the professionalism of its members by strengthening our role as a leading golf organization in the state.
- Growing and recognizing the benefits of a diverse membership throughout Wisconsin.
- Educating and promoting our members as leaders in environmental stewardship.
- Offering affordable, high value educational programs at the forefront of technology and service.
- Being key to enjoyment and the economic success of the game of golf.