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### From Your President's Desk

## **New Board Elected At Annual Meeting**



Happy New Year!! I hope that everyone had a happy holiday season. I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your president. I look forward to the opportunity to have an influence on the association. There are many irons in the fire from the last Board and I am hopeful we will be able to bring some of these items to fruition. I would like to thank the outgoing president Tom Fischer, CGCS, for his service and leadership this past year and hope to follow his example of presidential leadership.

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The Annual Conference was a success. There were many great speakers with loads of information to share. I hope everyone was able to take advantage of all of the opportunities to increase your knowledge. Remember that knowledge is power. The preliminary numbers for the conference indicate that attendance is a little above last year, and that the MGCSA continues to have the majority of the attendees.

The new Board was elected at the Annual Meeting. Four new members were elected who have never served before, maybe a shot in the arm for the Board. New ideas about where we should be headed are always welcome and a new perspective on old ideas sometimes leads to great successes. I look forward to working with the new Board for the betterment and growth of the association. My hope is to keep the membership informed on all of the issues facing our group in the most timely manner possible.

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On that note I would like to remind everyone that our web site, MGCSA.ORG is now up and running. It will provide the most up-to-date information about the association, Board Meeting highlights, and other job postings the minute we receive them, committee members phone numbers and hundreds of links to other sites. Check it out at least once a month for the latest.

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Steve Shumansky and I will be attending an affiliated chapter conference January 12-15 at the Lawrence headquarters building. The MGCSA is one of only 20 chapters invited to attend this conference. We will be discussing how the GCSAA can help us and what resources they have in place that we can take advantage of. Our hope is that we will discover some new ways to do things and increase the value of the association to you the members.

Please remember that the Board of Directors is always here to serve you. If you don't know whom to call, call the association office and Scott will point you in the right direction. If you need to contact me, you can call me anytime at (612) 440-6494 or send me e-mail at epeckholm@msn.com. I look at my mail everyday that I am in town and can access it from home or work so you can be sure that I will read it and respond to you promptly.

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Have a great New Year and I hope that all your systems were Y2K compliant.

Respectfully, Paul Eckholm, CGCS President

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