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## President's Message

Falling leaves remind us, all that another year is becoming past history. The weather and temperatures of past few weeks ally the fact that we are in the stage of early winter. Hopefully we will not pay the toll for this in the spring of 1976.

We have been going back over events and happenings our Mid-Atlantic group participated in as an association this year and feel we have enjoyed a good year. The fellowship at our affairs has always been outstanding and although we all have our individual opinions, and on occasions differences, we remain steadfast as an organization, still refrain our individuality, and remain good true close friends.

In looking forward to the future we can see steady progress for our association; with the many fine upstanding young men in our group and the interest and vitality they express we can expect bigger and better happenings for our MAGCSA. Our meeting at Piney Branch proves out what we refer to as progress. Many of our superintendents avail themselves of the opportunity to rise and speak for or against our proposed name change and related phases of what all would be involved if this proposal would be accepted. It was a rewarding meeting and we would hope to build on this type of procedure in the years to come by

having open discussion meetings for our membership in order that they can have their say in the way our organization is run and how it should remain functional and of benefit to the individual as well as the association.

We would also like to see a closer union with our National Association in reference to a question that we all are cognizant of and discuss over and over again with no real solution or satisfactory answers and that is "What can our associations do to aid or protect the individual superintendent in his position at a country club." Here we refer to the many instances that have occurred nationally as well as within our own local in which a superintendent has become either released or replaced without proper communication from his club officials. Another area of discussion is in making our code of ethics work in the area of replacement of superintendents without communication from the incoming recipient. Please give these areas serious thought so we can discuss them and possibly come up with a logical solution for better job security for future turf managers.

Al Watson

## Dates to Remember

December 3	Army Navy Country Club Host: David Fairbank Election & By Law Meeting
January 5-6	Mid Atlantic Conference Holiday Inn Exit 17 off 695
Jan. 28-29	Virginia Turfgrass Conference Sheraton Motor Inn Fredericksburg, Virginia

January 30	USGA Green Section Conference Biltmore Hotel New York City
Feb. 8-13	47th GCSAA International Turfgrass Conference & Show Minneapolis, Minn.