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President's Message

Bill Shirk



As I sit in my office, thinking about this message to my fellow MAAGCS Members, the snow outside has drifted up to the windowsill. As I prepare for my 25th year as superintendent, and my fifth year on the MAAGCS Board of Directors, I find similarities between these two points of view looking forward to the coming year.

As a superintendent, I struggled through the drought and disease pressures of last summer and weathered the snow and ice storms that plagued all of us in this winter of '96. I now look forward to the emergence of green and spring color on my golf course as it awakens rejuvenated to recover from winter's wounds. With the other MAAGCS Directors, I struggled through the transition to a management company and weathered the confusion and discontent that prompted our pullout from under it. I now look forward to the blossoming of MAAGCS as new officers and newly formed committees begin their efforts afresh to move the association beyond healing and recouping to new levels of creativity, cooperation, and professionalism.

This push upward and outward for MAAGCS will gather more and more steam as the membership unifies its support behind the Board. The vision of the Board will match the changing needs of the membership more and more as the members

add their input continuously throughout the year. As a member of MAAGCS, and also as president, I urge you to give us your input and your support.

- Attend as many meetings as possible
- Wear your nametag to these meetings
- Consider hosting a MAAGCS meeting
- Serve MAAGCS as a committee member or director
- Read the newsletter and stay informed
- Support our many sponsors
- Most importantly — Give the Board your comments regarding the meetings, the speakers, the newsletter, etc. so that your opinions have the chance to make a difference for everyone!

Every member who can increase his efforts in any one of these areas will make MAAGCS a little bit stronger. A stronger MAAGCS will be more capable and responsive in providing the news, education, and communication that enhance and improve the turf industry in the Mid-Atlantic area.

In closing, I would like to personally thank all the MAAGCS members for supporting me for association president of 1996. I am truly honored and pleased to serve you. Again, please feel free to contact me or any director personally, or call the MAAGCS office, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our association. ■



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