

From the Editor

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Welcome to a new year and the newer and improved Turfgrass Matters newsletter campaign. The MAAGCS Board of Directors is committed to publishing a quality newsletter. We have made some obvious changes in appearance, quality, and content. We have also changed to a bi-monthly schedule allowing us more time to produce what we hope will be an educational and informative publication. Monthly meeting "Bulletins," containing the

TURFGRASS '96

Diana Lee Patton

President,

Maryland Turfgrass Council

As you may have guessed, Turfgrass '96 was cancelled by the Blizzard of '96. Many of the speakers were unable to get into town and many of you were too busy plowing out to attend their presentations. Those registered Monday and Tuesday of Turfgrass '96 will have their fees refunded. Those registered for Wednesday who did not attend the rescheduled recertification program on March 1 can have it applied toward coordinating the update of their 1996 applicator's licenses. Please realize that the circumstances of Turfgrass '96 were very extreme; thus we are offering the refunds of the normally nonrefundable preregistration fees. We thank you for your past and continued support of our Conference; we are fortunate to have had many financially successful conferences in the past to help us sustain the large financial loss the Council is incurring by having had to cancel Turfgrass '96. Normally proceeds from our annual conference produce the revenue needed to finance the annual expenditures of scholarships, support of Drs. Carroll, Dernoeden, Mathias, and Turner and turf activities at the Md. Institute of Applied Agriculture. ■

necessary meeting information, will be slightly expanded to include a site history and some more timely announcements.

Although the Board and Turfgrass Matters committee have put extensive thought and effort into the design criteria of the newsletter, we will continue strive to meet the changing needs of the membership. The most efficient method for assessing those needs is by receiving your input. We welcome and encourage your suggestions, comments, and submissions. We are eager to make this publication pertinent to all regions and factions of our membership.

For our class F or associate members, I would encourage you to consider an advertising program through either Turfgrass Matters or the monthly bulletin. By now you should have received two mailings detailing

the various options. If for some reason, you have not received one and want to use our publications to communicate your products or services to the membership, please contact me immediately.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for electing me to the Board and my committee for their efforts in preparing this first redesigned issue. I hope this is the first of many! ■

Note to members: Any member who does not have a current MAAGCS name badge, or has one that is incorrect, can receive a new badge by contacting Gregg Rosenthal, Membership Chairman, Little Bennet G.C., (301) 253-6072

The board of directors encourages you to have your badge updated and to please wear your badge to all MAAGCS functions.



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