

Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary, Nick Vance, CGCS

In an attempt to keep the members of the MAAGCS informed throughout the year the Board of Directors has decided to publish this column in our newsletter regularly to give you a concise summary of the business that is being conducted at our monthly board meetings.

At our first meeting the BOD unanimously agreed to authorize Membership Director Gregg Rosenthal, CGCS to purchase name tags with the new MAAGCS logo for all members. When they are finished we will distribute as many as possible at our first couple monthly meetings and we will mail the rest to the membership.

Again this year the BOD has agreed to help finance MAGI. This association has been very instrumental in helping the green industry with pending state legislation and they have been our eyes and our voice in Annapolis. MAGI has kept us informed as to the status of all bills being discussed that are related to turf and have lobbied for us on those bills when needed. We have three members of the MAAGCS BOD represented on their board.

Recently the GCSAA has established the concept of students forming affiliated chapters of the

GCSAA. In response to this request the MAAGCS BOD has agreed to help in any way we can and we have asked Rhys Arthur to be our liaison to the student association. Rhys has agreed to do so and at our last meeting he advised us that on February 19 the association elected the following members to their board of directors: President: Andrea Bakalyer, Vice President: Bill Stowers, Secretary: Ryan Howard, Treasurer: Tom Zimmerman, Chapter Liaison: Bryan Bupp, Ag Council Representative: Mike Perry, and Turfgrass Advisor: Dr. Kevin Mathias. The GCSAA strongly maintains the philosophy that the Student Chapter must be initiated and run by the students. We, the Affiliated Chapter must only commit and establish a "mentoring relationship," helping the students achieve their own goals.

To help the BOD better serve our membership we have unanimously agreed to hire an Executive Secretary to help with the daily duties of our association. Our BOD will continue to have total control of our association, but an executive secretary will help us to achieve our goals in a more timely manner.

We will keep you informed as to the status of this venture as we go through the process.



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