



# TURFGRASS MATTERS

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## 1998 Board of Directors Elected



The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents held their annual meeting and elections on December 11th at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center.

Michael Gilmore, superintendent of Turf Valley, was elected President for 1998. Also elected were Vice President Walter Montross, CGCS of Westwood Country Club, Secretary Nick Vance, CGCS of Rattlewood Golf Course and Treasurer Chris Ayers of Lakewood Country Club. 1997 President Dean Graves of Bethesda Country Club will serve as the Association's Immediate Past President in 1998. The officers will be joined by returning Golf Chairman Michael Evans of The Country Club of Woodmore, Finance Chairman Michael Legere, CGCS of Holly Hills Country Club, and Education Chairman Ryland "Chappy" Chapman of

Fairway Hills Golf Club. Bruce Zickafoose of Norbeck Country Club and David Rudinski of Rolling Roads Country Club were elected to three-year terms. David Burkhardt of Hogs Neck Golf Course was elected to a one-year term filling the vacancy left after the election of Chris Ayers to the position of Treasurer. Outgoing Immediate Past President Bill Shirk, CGCS of Queenstown Harbor Golf Links leaves the Board of Directors after eight years of distinguished service. Social and Benevolence Chairman Gordon Caldwell, CGCS of Greenspring Valley Hunt Club and Membership Chairman Gregg Rosenthal, CGCS of Timber of Troy Golf Course are also stepping down after fulfilling three-year director terms.

President Gilmore addressed the membership following his election and outlined his goals for 1998. His main priority will be overseeing the completion and compilation of data from the recent surveys of

the three primary classifications of Mid-Atlantic members. Part of this process will include implementation of numerous suggestions received by the Board during the survey process. The "Bullets From the Boardroom" column of the newsletter will keep you apprised of any significant modifications the Board implements. The valuable information gathered from MAAGCS members will greatly enhance the Board's ability to meet the changing needs of its members now and in the future.

Along with all the work involved in the survey completion, Gilmore stressed that he wanted to continue to expand the process of creating a friendlier association. Mr. Gilmore credited his predecessor, Dean Graves, for initiating this well-received trend, specifically a more accessible Board of Directors. His remaining focus will be in leading the Mid-Atlantic's emergence onto the "information superhighway." It is his expressed intention for MAAGCS to have an Internet web site within the calendar year. An Internet web page will greatly enhance the Association's ability to communicate with its members, as well as, meeting the demands of the ever-growing golf world as we prepare to enter into a new century. As you can see, President Gilmore has outlined an ambitious and exciting set of plans for 1998.

### Presidents' Message Mike Gilmore

As Turfgrass '98 winds down, the usual talk of snow removal was replaced this year with talk of how many times greens have been mowed since Christmas! Winter in the Mid Atlantic - it sure is fun!

I wanted to take a moment to thank David Rudinski, our new Social & Benevolence Director, and Lou Bettencourt for the fine job they did hosting the MAAGCS hospitality suite during the show. It is always fun to get an opportunity to see our friends and commiserate about the year gone by and look forward to the coming year.

The GCSAA Conference and Show in Anaheim will see George Renault, from the Burning Tree Club, elected President of GCSAA. Congratulations to George and good luck for a successful year. The MAAGCS will be hosting a reception in

George's honor, during the conference and all members are invited to attend. Watch the mail for details.

During the last month, the Board of Directors has been out and about hosting small discussion groups among the Class A & B members. These "focus groups" have been set up to help the BOD find out the good, and bad, of the MAAGCS. By hearing from the membership, we can then set a direction for the Association that reflects the memberships' goals for the future. The feed back in these sessions has been excellent and the suggestions for the future have shown us that people are paying attention and that everyone is interested in moving the Golf Course Management profes-

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