

Bullets from the Boardroom

Mike Evans, Secretary



The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, endorsed GCSAA's Professional Development Initiative (PDI). If you would like to cast your vote against PDI, you must make Chapter Delegate Nick Vance, COCS, aware of your desire to vote "no", before he leaves for the GCSAA Conference and Show, in February. If you do not contact Mr. Vance, he will register an affirmative vote on your behalf. Nick's office telephone number is (301) 865-0026, or you may leave a message with Executive Secretary Charlotte Norris at (888) 643-8873.



In an attempt to gather feedback from the membership on the direction of the Association and how it may better serve its members, the Board of Directors has scheduled three regional Focus Group meetings for mid-January. The meeting dates and sites are:

January 15- Queenstown Harbor Golf Links

January 16- Lakewood Country Club

January 17- Bonnie View Country Club

The Focus Group meetings will run from 10:00 a.m. to noon each day, and lunch will be available after the meetings for those who are interested. The Board of Directors will be present at each meeting. We strongly encourage you to express your thoughts and opinions concerning the Association.



The MAAGCS is now sending job referrals, via the Internet, to those members with E-mail addresses.

President's Message

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29th. We will host an intense day of education at the University of Maryland Adult Learning Center. I hope to see many of you there.

Lastly, It is my sincere hope that when we can accomplish my first three goals for the year, then my fourth of decreasing the level of apathy throughout the Association will take care of itself. I would like to think if we can meet your expectations for the Association, then you will want to be involved and attend the various functions scheduled throughout 2001. There are many ways you can get involved, but attending meetings and supporting the social activities will go a long way towards strengthening your Association.

I want to close by thanking the membership for entrusting the Association's leadership to me and promising you I will work extremely hard alongside my fellow Board members to accomplish the goals I have set for 2001. I am excited to be working with such a fine group of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and efforts to serve you. May 2001 be our best year yet!

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Our association is moving forward at a good pace. Our new president, Mr. Chris Ayers, CGCS has a good BOD to work with, and I know he will get a lot accomplished next year. I am looking forward to working my last year with them.

Having said all that, I guess my "message" for this newsletter is "get involved and don't be bashful about speaking out to help your association and the industry".

See you at the next meeting.

Editor's Letter

Ken Ingram, CGCS

In this month's issue we have included committee reports from each officer and director. GCSAA has done this for years and it's a great way to keep members informed. If you came to all the meetings and feel that you've heard this already look on the bright side. It spares you another article written by yours truly!

My tenure as Newsletter Editor is over. Paul Masimore, CGCS will succeed me so *Turfgrass Matters* is in good hands. Please consider writing an article or contributing in some way to the newsletter in 2001. There is so much experience and talent out there in this chapter I really regret not getting more of it published. My deepest regret however, despite trying myself, is not getting even one big Rockfish picture submitted for publication. On both of these issues if there is anyone that can get the job done, it's Paul.

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standing when meetings and schedules are changed. Most of all I would like to thank Charlotte Norris who literally does 95% of the Newsletter Editors job.

Our current format is not without problems and changes have been discussed. Members have a vast array of magazines and trade publications at their disposal together with increasing electronic communication puts *Turfgrass Matters* in a precarious situation. Members do not expect technical information and any news worthy of publication is outdated on our bimonthly schedule. The bulk of contents for *Turfgrass Matters* are reports from monthly Membership and Board meetings and when they are cancelled we lose valuable material. Filling a sixteen page format frequently requires reprint articles from other publications or articles from our membership which inevitably come to us as editorial comments. If change is warranted I am sure we can satisfy our Members and Newsletter Supporters.