

From the Editor's Desk

Paul Masimore, CGCS

It's a new year and a different editor. I have gathered some new folks for the committee to assist with finding articles for the newsletter. I would like you to know I appreciate your assistance. I have called many people asking (or pressuring you) for input with articles. Thanks to those that have submitted articles, or have assisted, in this edition and to those who have articles coming. I will be checking back with you to see how you are progressing.

Everyone should be aware that the articles leading to the Professional Development Initiative (PDI) were passed at the Conference in Dallas. If you are not aware of the changes to take place starting in 2003, you have two years to find out what you voted for. I say this, because I know some people did not take the time to look into this somewhat controversial program. I would like to say more about PDI, however, I will hold off for now. One thing members should think about though, is the voting process on issues impacting GCSAA membership standards for the future. Remember this, if you do not actually cast your own vote, that vote can come back to work against you.

For those of you who missed this year's GCSAA Conference, it truly is getting larger. It is definitely worth attending. Seminars, educational opportunities, forums, the annual meeting and the trade show are good, but one of the great aspects of the conference to me is, the opportunity to meet and talk with superintendents and industry people from other areas of the country and world. I have met superintendents at the golf tournament, conference and from other areas where I worked in the past, that top off the entire trip. The opportunity to meet with these people each year is one that I really anticipate. One does not just learn from the educational opportunities at the conference. The networking with other superintendents in the tournament, conference and industry people at the trade show, is always a very valuable experience for me. You should find a way to attend.

I hope you find an article of some interest and use to you in this edition. If you do not, remember you don't have to be on a committee to send in suggestions or articles.

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Bullets from the Boardroom

James Halley, Secretary

 The MAAGCS Board of Directors voted to approve funding for representatives of the Maryland Student Chapter to attend the GCSAA Conference & Show in Dallas.

 Soon you will receive information from the Media/Public Relations Committee encouraging you to have the MAAGCS logo and link posted on your club or company web site.

 A letter was sent to the Virginia Turfgrass Council supporting their position concerning the list of invasive alien plant species published by the Natural Heritage Division of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

 The Board of Directors is cautiously optimistic that the Maryland Drought Task Force recommendations, in the event of future drought situations, will be accepted by the Governor's office without changes.

2001 GCSAA Election Results

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