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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

For those who don't know me, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Randall Pinckney and I'm currently the Golf Course Superintendent at Manor Country Club in Rockville, Maryland where I've been for the past three years. I've been working in the golf course maintenance profession for 15 years. I've been a MAAGCS member for 9 years, and a Board of Director for the last 4. I received my turf education from the Pennsylvania State University, and my wife Erin and I currently reside in Urbana, MD.

From weed-eating streams and raking bunkers, to now managing large teams of employees and seeing a golf course through construction and grow-in, I'm fortunate to have learned from some of the best in our business. We all work in one of the hardest areas to grow turf in the world (the Mid-Atlantic region), and the expectation and demand for better conditions from our members and owners is always increasing. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents has been a network of turf industry professionals who I have relied upon for education, camaraderie and personal development. We all face similar dilemmas while managing golf courses and it's fortunate to have a network of people who can provide insight and support, and act as emotional release for you from day-to-day life and career stresses. 2007 is going to be an exciting year for the MAAGCS; we have a good line-up for our golf meeting sites and education. As a MAAGCS member, please make a concerted effort to attend the meetings this year. Share your stories of the profession, learn from others and create the fellowship, it can only benefit your career.

I would like to thank Past President Tom Ritter, CGCS and past Board of Director Rich Sweeney, CGCS for their efforts and dedication to MAAGCS in 2006. To the Board of Directors, I welcome our newly-elected colleagues Scott Wunder and Jay Nalls. I would also like to thank our affiliate Class "F" members for your generous support and sponsorship in the MAAGCS and look forward to continuing and enhancing our relationships.

This year we need to work together with other regional Green Industry leaders so that our collective efforts can create awareness of the issues that pertain to our industry, as well as give us a stronger voice in educating and influencing legislative decision-makers. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents has allowed me to create a network of colleagues, mentors and life-long friendships and it's an honor to serve as President of the MAAGCS for 2007. Thank You!

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