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Although the current economy has been everyone's major concern to date, this year has started out on some very positive notes in and around the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Meeting and event attendance for the first three months of the year have been better than expected. To kick off the season, the joint reception in New Orleans followed by the MAAGCS Education Seminar later in the month of February had higher than anticipated attendance. This year, the Education Seminar and the Skeet Shoot were moved to an earlier date to promote attendance. Several years ago, the GCSAA moved the Golf Industry Show from the middle to the beginning of February. It only made sense to move our Education Seminar to the end of February away from the USGA Regional Seminar at Woodholme Country Club in March and to a time of the year when the start of the golfing season would not limit attendance. Similarly, the Skeet Shoot was moved to a time of the year when weather conditions may not be as ideal for golf, and a second Skeet Shoot was put on the schedule in November. The newest addition to the meeting schedule is the kayaking event in June, and for the golfers, another joint meeting with the Greater Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association at Washington Golf and Country Club on June 23rd. A July fishing trip and a joint event with the Greater Washington at the DC Nationals Ball Park are in the beginning stages of organization.

Membership renewals, new member applications and advertising packages continue to be processed and thank you for your timely submittals. The annual IAC survey will be sent out shortly so be sure to give us your feedback on the changes for 2009. Also, look for the results of the 2008 Superintendent's survey, which should be available shortly.

As always, please consider becoming more actively involved in our association. Attend more meetings, and if you can't make it, send your assistants. Consider hosting a monthly meeting. Our 2009 schedule is currently filled, but the 2010 schedule is open for volunteers. Also, Board of Directors positions and IAC positions will need to be filled in December. It's never too early to search for new candidates. A new position for an assistant superintendent will also be available to sit on the Board of Directors. Several assistants have already shown an interest in this opportunity. Inquiries about this position or any BOD position can be made through the MAAGCS office or any member of the Board of Directors.

Also available is a position for a local superintendent on the Maryland Turfgrass Council (MTC) Board of Directors. This position would consist of a two year term, with a monthly meeting in Annapolis, and would aid in strengthening relations between the MTC and the surrounding superintendent's association. Interested individuals should also contact the MAAGCS office.

Again, thanks to all of the MAAGCS supporters and hope to see you all soon!

Thanks again,

Mark Kingora

MAAGCS, President



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