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My term as president of the Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents is nearing the end. Many of the topics that I continually talk about in my letter are the need for member participation. This year we have three excellent candidates for the MAAGCS Board of Directors; Mike Barrett, CGCS, Argyle Country Club and host of the 2009 Superintendent/ Pro, Teddy Blauvelt, Hampshire Greens, educational presenter on bunker reconstruction at the April 2009 meeting at Stonewall Golf Club, and Matt Burton, Little Bennett, host of the 2008 Superintendent/ Assistant. Doug Fleming will be distributing information regarding the IAC Candidates shortly. Our Annual meeting will be hosted again this year by Jay Nalls, Norbeck Country Club. Look for the meeting date and candidate biographies in an upcoming mailing.

Our partnership and support of our surrounding associations continues to grow. Our joint meetings with the Greater Washington were very successful and will grow in 2010. Our relationship with the MTC has strengthened with the appointment of a MAAGCS superintendent to the MTC Board and our sponsorship of the Angie Cammarota Tournament continues. Sponsorship and support of the Virginia Turfgrass Council (VTC) and the Shield's Memorial have been ongoing, while initial sponsorship for the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association (VGCSA) Joe Saylor Memorial Charity Fundraiser and the Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents (ESAGCS) Turf Conference has begun and is intended for annual participation.

Several items that the current BOD continues to work on remain on our schedule for completion. Superintendent Survey results, the Assistant superintendent BOD position and Research Funding are three items that remain to be completed and will carry over into the 2010 BOD agenda if not completed by year's end. The continuity and cooperative efforts of each board member has made my time as president of the MAAGCS an invaluable experience, and will assure that any outstanding issues are resolved.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors and executive secretary, Theresa Baria for their continued effort. I would also like to thank all of the companies and everyone else who have individually contributed their time, effort or funds in support of our association.

Have a great holiday season, spend time with family and friends and hope all goes well in 2010!

Thanks again,

Mark Kingora, MAAGCS, President



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