
Presidents Report

It's hard to believe 2014 has arrived; time really flies as you get older. Our 85th Annual Meeting was held at Argyle Country Club on December 9th and it was great to have such a large turnout. The meeting included a special dinner for Past Presidents of our association and I enjoyed spending time with them and hearing

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some great stories from the past. I am honored to join such a prestigious list of Superintendents who have dedicated so much time to our industry and profession.

Chase Rogan, GCSAA Mid-Atlantic Field Representative gave a presentation on the benefits of GCSAA membership and discussed the direction of the national association. The GCSAA is a very

powerful organization and offers tremendous member support. Chase is available for any questions you may have regarding your membership, Certification, agronomics, continuing education or any other golf related topics.

The election for the MAAGCS Board of Directors was also conducted during the annual meeting. I would like to congratulate Ryan Kraushofer, Galen Evans and Mike Bostian for their appointments to the Board of Directors and I would also like to congratulate Jay Nalls on his re-election and appointment for a two-year term. The 2014 MAAGCS Board of Directors can be found on page five.

A short history about Mike Barrett. I got my start in the golf business in 1988 at a small 9-hole facility in Reisterstown, MD called Tom Mitchell's Golf Gridiron. In 1993, I graduated from The University of Baltimore with a B.S. in Business Administration and I learned, my heart wasn't in the business world, it belonged to golf. I enrolled

at the University of Maryland, Institute of Applied Agriculture where I studied Turfgrass/Golf Course Management and graduated in December of 1995. During my IAA college years, I worked at Cattail Creek Country Club and Green Spring Valley Hunt Club before landing an Assistant job at Argyle Country Club in 1996. I was promoted to Golf Course Superintendent in 1997 and became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent on October 25, 2005. In 2011, I was promoted to Club Administrator/Golf Course Superintendent and I am thoroughly enjoying overseeing the entire operation.

I believe that the members of the Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents are the hardest working, best educated, and most knowledgeable Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, and vendors in the country. We manage turf and other plants in some of the toughest growing conditions around. I am looking forward to representing our Association and spreading

this message.

The Board of Directors is working hard to provide great value for your membership and implementing programs and services that enhance our profession. If you have any suggestions or comments on how we can improve, please let us know.

Looking forward to a great 2014,

Mike Barrett, CGCS
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