

Petelle leads OLCA in '98

Carl Petelle, Leisure Lawn, West Carrollton, Ohio, president of the Ohio Lawn Care Association, says the association plans to offer members more for their membership dollar. "We want to offer further education opportunities in agronomics and business," says Petelle. OLA's 1998 officers: vice president, Mark Grunkemeyer, Buckeye Ecocare, Dayton; secretary/treasurer, Fred Schillinger, Turf Doctor, Mt. Vernon. Board members: Gene Pool, Emerald Green; Don Gallagon, Buckeye Power Sales; Bill Clutter, TurfGard Co.; Doug Hague, Lawn Classics; John Lucas, Lucas Lawns; and Joe Popovic, Firelands Lawn & Landscape Co. □

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Write to 'President Gore' urges PLCAA's Delaney

Professional Lawn Care Association of America executive vice president Tom Delaney, in an exclusive interview with *LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT*, urged PLCAA members and other Green Industry professionals to act *now* to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency's Food Quality Protection Act from removing useful control products from supplier's shelves.

The Food Quality Protection Act substantially changes the way pesticides are evaluated for their alleged—but still unproven—health effects.

"If you're not worried now, you're going to be worried later," said Delaney to members, and suggested that many lawn care applicators feel that the EPA will select only certain products for removal. The danger, reminded Delaney, is that the EPA's "Risk Cup" assessments apply to classes of pesticides, not just formulations.

Delaney suggested that letters also be written to Vice President Gore, who, as De-

laney described it, supports EPA, and "wants to be president someday." According to Delaney, Gore has also suggested the EPA's Carol Browner would be a good vice presidential candidate, though not necessarily in an Al Gore administration.

Voter realization of Gore's role in support of the potential product purge, suggested Delaney, could dim Gore's hopes for life in the White House.

"[FQPA] doesn't stop and start with the insecticides," said Delaney. "Right now, it's the organophosphates; then come the carbamates, then, who knows what else."

Delaney told LM that the concern he sees among control product manufacturers over the potential upshot of FQPA is unprecedented.

"The manufacturers have the biggest push on this, bigger than anything I've ever seen before. To some of them, this is 'do or die,' as far as continued use of current products."

Manufacturers, said Delaney, are using lobbying, let-

ALCA's new leaders

Cynthia Peterson, CCLP, McCaren Designs, Inc., is president of the Associated Landscape Contractors of America this year. Other officers include: president-elect, Steven Glover, CLP, L&L Landscape Services; secretary/treasurer, Emily Thompson, ET Sales, Inc.; immediate past president, Judson Griggs, Lied's Landscape Design & Development.

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ters and postcards to get their customers to call or write to their legislators. Politicians too, said Delaney, are beginning to wonder how much the EPA will continue to flex its legislative muscles.

"Republicans have been scared [of EPA activity relative to FQPA], but now, even democrats have been sending letters to EPA. The EPA has too much latitude," said Delaney, who asked rhetorically whether politicians have lost their voice.

"Is the EPA so powerful," Delaney wondered, "that they can thumb their nose at Congress?"

The Alliance for Environmental Concerns, Inc., (AEC), Warren N.J., and other associations such as Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America have also urged members to contact their representatives in Washington, to let them know how FQPA will affect business operations. □