ATLANTIC REPORT Kendall Costain Atlantic Director/Treasurer

This winter is completely different in Atlantic Canada compared to the last. This time last year we had meters of snow all across the region and this year most areas have just scattered patches, with temperatures all over the place. This gives all of us hope in having an early season with much better conditions then the past few years.

The AGSA conference in 2016 will be held in the birth place of confederation in beautiful Charlottetown Prince Edward Island February 22-25 with a great line up of speakers and great networking opportunities for all attendees. The CGSA President Mr. James Beebe will be present representing all CGSA members, and will be spreading news from our redesign.

The AGSA will now have two representatives sitting on the Plant Health Atlantic board. Pascal Richard, and I, will now have a voice in the direction of PHA. This will give the regional superintendents, and more importantly supers from New Brunswick a direct line of communication with PHA when discussing pesticide issues. This was an initiative by AGSA president Kevin Wentzell, to foster relationships, and guidance to the PHA regarding issues that affect the golf course superintendent in Atlantic Canada.

Spring is just around the corner. I hope everyone has a good start and the weather is on your side, take care and wishing you the best from Atlantic Canada.