

My First MGCSA Board Meeting

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When ex-officio Rob Panuska asked if I would be interested in running for the MGCSA Board of Directors, I have to admit that I was hesitant at best. After all, who doesn't have too much on their plate already? After deciding

to give it some serious thought, I discovered that I really didn't know what went on behind the scenes of the MGCSA. My curiosity to learn more about our association and to become involved finally got the best of me and I was given the opportunity to serve on the Board at our Annual Meeting in January.

I attended my first MGCSA Board Meeting on January 16 at Somerset Country Club in Mendota Heights. Not

knowing what to expect, I took the low key approach, "LISTEN & LEARN." While being in the meeting for only a short time, it became quite evident that the MGCSA Board is a proactive group of very dedicated individuals. It was quite interesting to listen to each committee report and try to get a snapshot of the various issues that come before the Board. By the end of the meeting I knew my initial assessment was correct, I really didn't know what went on behind the scenes of the MGCSA, but I soon would.

I would definitely encourage those who have an interest in our association and the furthering of our profession to consider running for a Board of Directors position. Granted, I have only been part of the Board for a short while, but I believe the time and effort dedicated to our association will be a small price to pay for the rewards of becoming involved!



Mike Knodel, Superintendent at Oakdale Golf Club, was elected to the MGCSA Board at the Annual Meeting in January.

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