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Nominating Committee

The last duty for the Ex-Officio to perform is to assemble a list of candidates to run for the Board of Directors. As previous Ex-Officios have learned, this is no easy task. Everyone seems to have different reasons why they do not want to become involved. This association is run by superintendents for superintendents. Scott Turtinen does almost all of the administrative details for all the committees. We need superintendents to help make the decisions for the rest of the association. We need your help. We do have S.O.P. (Standard Operating Procedure) Manuals available for anyone wishing to know what they will be responsible for. Any Class A superintendent wanting to get involved and grow professionally as a member of the MGCSA Board of Directors, please call me at (715) 247-4260.

—Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Clunis, CGCS

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have called with your support. I am afraid you are right, and to resign would have been a cowardly act. Due to your support, I am obligated and proud to continue to serve you on the Board of Directors.

Alas, the unspeakable happened. It is no longer possible to write an editorial of substance in the Hole Notes. My writings of a thought-provoking nature have been censored. What's very ironic about this is I had planned to print the first amendment on the cover. It is clear that the president and a majority of the Executive Committee do not want any controversy or discussion of important issues.

It appears they want you, the members, to be well-behaved sheep and be denied the information needed to make responsible decisions. I am sorry I have failed you as a group. I cannot override the Executive Committee of which I must commend Mr. John Granholt for not signing the affiliation agreement which is printed in this issue but not as planned with accompanying discussion promoting commentary, of course and without discussion at least at the board level.

I cannot with any dignity continue as editor of Hole Notes under these conditions. If there is enough support from you, the membership, to overturn this policy I will remain as editor. The many of you who have called me in support now need to call the members of the Executive Committee.

I will remain on the Board of Directors. I will continue to fight for the many of you who dare to have a differing point of view from the old guard. Presidents may come and go, but it appears that the power is still dominated and the direction of the board set for the association by a few powerful members.

Do not cajole yourself into believing that you are a member of a democratic organization when free speech is squelched. I will continue to write but not for our organization. Look for me in other publications which still allow the editor to express an opinion.

To my supporters, again I ask for your forgiveness for resigning as editor if overwhelming support for an open editorial policy is not expressed to the Executive Committee. To continue under the current circumstances would be, in my mind, dishonorable. Heaven help you, the MGCSA member, if you should dare express your opinion, however!!!

It has been an honor to serve you in the capacity of editor of Hole Notes and my condolences to my possible successor if I am forced to resign.

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