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On Course With the President

I would like to thank the membership of the MAGCS for your confidence in electing me as your President for the coming year. Alan Fierst is a tough act to follow. Al is a polished public speaker and writer as well as a quick thinker. You won't need a dictionary for my Presidents messages and I am sure that



I will trip over my tongue a time or two, but I can guarantee that I will give our association my best effort to continue to advance the cause of the "Midwest", our progressive association at the forefront of the industry. Over the past 8 years I have learned a great deal about managing our association thanks to the Presidents I have served under and the many Directors I have worked with since Mike Nass was President. Hence I have good insight on what I would like to accomplish during the course of the next year.

We know that improvement is a constant and never ending process because times change and we must change with the times, or be left behind. Even though many newly elected Presidents start their term all fired up and ready to change the world, the old saying that "if it isn't broken, don't fix it" must still be respected to a certain degree, because I believe we already have a good thing going. Our committee members have many ideas for the future to enhance your membership benefits and new ideas are always appreciated from anyone. Feedback is also important to evaluate any performance. It is easy to criticize but please remember that there are many people working long hours behind the scenes with good intentions to try and give the membership the best in education, golf, seminars, meals, mailings, magazines, merchandise, etc. Please make your criticism a constructive one or offer to personally help a committee with a problem or development.

Volunteers to serve on the various committees are always needed, so if you have the desire to become involved and help with the operations of the "Midwest", please contact anyone on the board and lend a hand. Your help is valued and appreciated. During the next few months there will be many hours spent on planning upcoming events, and with a great Board of Directors to work with, I believe we will have a great year with much to offer our advancing membership.

Joel Purpur, President, MAGCS