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s executive secretary for our association, the task that is the most challenging each year is the collection of dues and of information for our yearly directory that, as you know, is published the first part of February. The cutoff date of February 1 was accomplished again this year; and by now, the directory should be in your hands.

As you might have noticed, this year the directory was modified to recognize all of our past presidents and clarify information about our members. The list of past presidents was changed to include those that we have information on along with the year they served. A few of our members let us know that they have pagers, and so we added the word "pager" for an additional contact number. We also gave recognition to all of our superintendents who are certified with the GCSAA by stating so next to their class designation. Being certified is quite an accomplishment and will no longer go unrecognized.

Good news. The membership is growing. In the past year, we have added 83 new members; and even though some have chosen not to renew for one reason or another, the count is up by 24. If you know of someone who is interested in joining, please have them get in touch with Fred Behnke over at Mount Prospect Golf Club. Fred is in charge of membership applications this year and will be happy to send the information to anyone that requests it. He can be reached days at (847) 632-9331.

Another area that has grown is our Employment Referral Service. Last year, we sent out 21 referrals; and this year is already showing signs of an increase. For more information on our referral service, please contact Vice President Kevin Czerkies over at Sportsman's Country Club. He has the forms and the information you need in preparing a notice. He can be reached days at (847) 291-2352, Ext.132.

Finally, a few words about our monthly meetings. Preregistration and prepayment, as each notice states, is required. The host for each event goes to a great deal of trouble to see that everyone attending is taken care of properly and relies on the registration list for that purpose. So, when attending, please preregister. Your host will appreciate it.

Questions, concerns, etc., please give me a call. MAGCS voice mail is (630) 406-5356. I'll do my best to find the answer.

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