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As you all know, this is my first year serving on the MAGCS Board of Directors. It seems just like yesterday when I was approached to run for a one-year term on the board. After much thought, I am happy to say I volunteered to run and was selected by my peers, an honor I hope to never relinquish.

Being the proverbial “rookie” on this year’s board, I have to say I still have a lot to learn. The amount of behind-the-scenes work that the MAGCS board is involved in can be a bit overwhelming at times—all for the betterment of our association and for you the membership. By now, you are all quite aware that I have been “volunteered” to be chairman of the Education Committee, a challenge I graciously accepted (what choice did I have?) What you all may not be aware of are the members who have volunteered their time as well and are assisting me with my committee. These individuals are Dan Albaugh, Dan Anderson, Tim Anderson, Darin Ayers, Brian Bossert, Gary Hearn, Nick Hongisto, Dr. Randy Kane, Tim Keating, Mike Mumper, and Joel Purpur. Without these people dedicating their time and energy, I would be, and I think our association also would be, lost. If I can take one thing away from my brief

tenure experience so far, I would have to say involvement is the key to a successful venture . . . in anything.

The challenge for my committee, of course, is to continue to provide quality education for our membership. It is to our advantage that our profession needs us to be knowledgeable in such a wide variety of different areas, everything from the ever-popular environmental issues to irrigation pump maintainance. The variety of subject matter that today’s superintendent has to at least familiarize himself with is a bit mind-boggling, to say the least. It is the job of the Education Committee to, hopefully, provide you with at least some of this information. Staying current and up to date can be challenging as well. Speakers for our monthly meetings are booked sometimes one

year in advance. Forecasting the future is something only weathermen can do, and they are only correct half of the time, that is, if they are good. So, if a particular subject matter or topic seems a little outdated or you think we should be covering something else, please take this under consideration. And please, by all means, if there is a subject you think MAGCS should cover, let me or a member of my committee or a board director know. We will do everything in our power to provide it. After all, we are here to serve you the membership.

The only favor the Education Committee would ask of our membership is to please give each and everyone of our guest speakers your undivided attention while they are sharing their information with you. Believe me, it is not

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Texas A&M is looking for Fairy Ring samples to create a survey identification database.


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that easy getting up and talking in front of a large group of people. If it was, I would have volunteer speakers lined up until the year 2015. Show others we are the professionals we say we are.

In closing, I would just like to say again that it is an honor to be serving as a director for MAGCS. I am very proud to be a part of such a fine organization, and what makes it such a fine organization is the involvement of our membership. Keep up the good work. 

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