Commercial Representative Report

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wo years ago, I was asked by Don Cross to chair the Commercial Members' Advisory Committee. That seems like yesterday. We all get so busy in our professional and personal lives that the months and years just seem to fly on by. I will be stepping down this fall as chairman and allow one of my fellow commercial members to continue on in my footsteps.

I envisioned a couple of things when I came to the committee. First and foremost, I hoped to establish an Annual Vendor's Day Golf Outing to raise money for research or a charitable organization or to establish a scholarship fund with the day's proceeds. Year One, we accomplished that. We raised over \$5,000 for the research green at Cantigny.

Year Two, the interest level dropped off so dramatically that it was not going to be worth the effort it took to put it on. I challenge the next chairman to get the ball moving again and reestablish the Annual Vendor's Day. I pledge my support and will do everything I am able to help.

Second, the committee and I had hoped to get board voting rights at the Board of Directors meeting. We were not seeking general voting rights but just a say-so at the board meetings. This had been brought before the board as an idea but has not been acted on. Board voting rights will require a change in the bylaws. I support this idea and challenge the new chairman to accomplish this mission.

I have enjoyed my tenure on the board. I have a better insight now as to the direction of our association. I have real appreciation for each and everyone of the Board of Directors. The time and effort that each one of them volunteer each and every month is innumerable. Hats off to them all for a job well done.

