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Boy, that was fun! I can't believe that my time on the MAGCS Board of Directors is finished. The years of service have truly provided me with lasting memories. On one hand, I'm glad it's over so I can have more time to spend with my family, but on the other hand, I'll miss serving the Association.

When I think back on all the changes occurring during my tenure on the Board, I can't help but feel a sense of awe. We accomplished some minor changes and some sweeping, controversial changes as well. I would have to say the biggest change involved this magazine you are now reading. In recent years, we have changed its name, increased the number of pages, added color text and, most recently, found a new editor.

Other major challenges included finding a new executive secretary (twice) and the development of the MAGCS Web site. If you haven't been to the Web site lately, you don't know what you're missing. The interactive Message Board is fantastic.

This month a new Board will be elected and among the Directors will be many new faces, a minimum of three, possibly four. Please be patient with the new guys as they make some rookie mistakes while learning the ins and outs of their committee assignments. Certainly the Board will miss Jim McNair and Dan Anderson. Each has decided to step down as a Board member for personal reasons. Jim has done a fantastic job with the Editorial, Public Relations and Long-Range Planning committees for the past four years. And although he was on the Board for only one year, Dan did a great job with the Golf Committee. Thanks to these two gentlemen for the time they gave to the MAGCS.

It's been eight years since I was first elected to the Board, and even though I had to field a few complaints, I enjoyed every minute of it. I've said it before and I'll say it again: the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is the best chapter in the country. Think about all the outstanding membership services and educational opportunities available to us through the MAGCS and I'm sure you'll agree. I've enjoyed my time on the Board, and I'll miss it. It's been my pleasure.

Joel, make room, I'm coming to the pasture. 



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