



A Reminder to Our Past Presidents . . . and the Membership at Large

Okay, what's the deal? One of three things happened last spring with the MAGCS past presidents. Either:

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- (1) The Association is perfect;
- (2) The meeting timetable for the PPC (Past Presidents Council) conflicted with 95% of the past presidents' plans; or
- (3) The majority of the MAGCS past presidents don't care much any more about the Association they once presided over because there were only four in attendance for the PPC annual meeting.

Thanks to Al Fierst, Mike Bavier and Carl Hopphan, I did not have to host this meeting for just myself. We are all busy people, and although numerous folks have contributed in the past, far too many past presidents have not attended this once-a-year meeting in the years that I have been involved with the Council. At least R.S.V.P., if nothing else. Enough griping—you get the point.

We did, however, have a good meeting last spring on that nice, cool, relaxing, no-stress-on-your-golf-course type-day last June. The PPC strives to discuss all aspects of MAGCS operations while attempting to look into the future to project the growth and changes with our profession and Association. Both have progressed a long way over the last 10 years, and our Association continues to develop to meet the changing needs of the profession.

To advance individually and collectively, though, your input is vital. Too often, members have good ideas that never surface. If you have an idea but choose not to discuss it with a Board member for fear of being asked to actually help implement the idea, give your suggestion to the Past Presidents Council. We would be happy to pass this new idea along, and as past presidents, we don't have to worry about the Board wanting us to help. We have done enough damage in our careers already! Seriously, we are lucky to have so many energetic professionals in our Association willing to work for everyone's benefit. Give them the fuel to build the fire and before long, we will be roasting our marshmallows.

