

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Dan Sterr, Stonebridge Country Club



No Small Task

There has been a post it note attached to my computer screen since the first of April reminding me of the article I needed to write for On Course. The article was due July 1st.

It is now July 7th and I am just now sitting down to write. I did call Luke on June 30th and asked him for some ideas on what to write and he informed me that he did not need the article right away, so I was able to put off writing the article for another couple of days.

Serving as the current Secretary/Treasurer of the MAGCS, I have come to appreciate all the hard work and dedication not only the current Board of Directors has put in to the success of the association, but all the previous members of the Board of Directors and Executive committees. Luke Cella is a tremendous asset to the association. His dedication, not only to the association, but the profession of the Golf Course Superintendent is outstanding. I can truly say that Luke has the best interest of our association and our profession at heart.

The amount of work that goes in to running an association like ours is tremendous. There are many tasks that not only the Executive Director, but the Board of Directors needs to perform in order for the association to run efficiently. Everything from answering the phone at the office, to preparing an agenda for the upcoming Board of Directors meeting, to paying the association bills, to running a monthly golf event, and to preparing a budget all just do not happen; they take the dedication of many individuals involved with the association.

During a MAGCS Board of Directors Meeting, the members approve the minutes from the previous meeting, review the Financial Report, review any communications to the association, review the Executive Director Report, and review a report from the Commercial Advisory Council and the Class C Advisor. After the Board has reviewed these items they move to Reports of Committees. Each member of the Board of Directors is responsible for a committee. The committees are Arrangements, Education, Golf, Editorial, Partnership Task Group, Membership,

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Employment, Scholarship, Media and Public Relations, By Laws and Nominating, Past President Council, and Benevolence.

During the meeting, committee chairman, will report on the status of their committees, After the report of the committees there is a report of the officers, this is where the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer report any pertinent information to the Board of Directors. The meeting then moves to unfinished business, then to New Business, and finally to the Directive Summary—this is where the Board Reviews any outstanding items that need attention and what Members of the Board or Staff or both will handle. If needed, the Board of Directors will move to Executive Session. From the list of committees I think you can see there are many things that go in to running the association.

Because of the dedication of our current Board of Directors and Executive Director, and the path that all the former members of the Board of Directors and Past Presidents set our association on, the MAGCS is looked upon as one of the premier associations in our profession and we all should be very proud. **-OC**