

A Work in Progress



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Where does the time go? We say it often. It is true in so many areas of our life. Time with family goes by so fast. One day you're changing diapers and the next thing you know they are off to college. Time at work is the same.

As I write this it is my 13 year anniversary at Royal Melbourne. It seems so hard to believe that much time has passed. The same holds true for my term as President. It feels like I just started. As my term comes to an end I have been thinking about the past year and what has been accomplished. What could be done better? Was it worth it?

As far as accomplishments, that is a tough one. It is difficult as MAGCS was/is a strong thriving chapter when I took the helm. Our chapter is a leader in our industry. How do you improve upon that? I set forth some goals with the Board and we worked very hard at achieving them. We attempted to get the publication out in a more timely fashion. I believe there has been improvement in this area. We also were able to offer the publication digitally. The digital version is available the first week of the month. The website was re-designed and is much more user friendly especially for meeting registration and payments. We've changed processors to PayPal which allows us to accept all major credit cards, while still being able to produce invoices if needed. The online directory is much more robust and easier to find members of the Association. Both of these items are huge improvements and a great value to our members. We are still working on other items. We are trying to get our story out to the masses in golf by creating partnerships with the CDGA and other organizations. It is a slow road. An example of our progress includes receiving grant money from the GCSAA to create a non-member version of On Course to send out to industry leaders. These are some of the ways we are trying to promote our industry and they are always a work in progress.



Was it worth it? Absolutely. I am very pleased that I have gone down this road. It has afforded me the opportunity to get to know so many great people in our industry. And there are many. No other industry helps each other out the way we do. Just look at the work that has been done by The Wee One for example. I am proud to say that I am a part of this organization. I will hold it high on my list of accomplishments professionally. I would encourage anyone who might be interested in Board service to give it a try. It really does not take up that much of your time. You can find a way. Besides, the upside is so great. Thank you again for allowing me to serve as President of the MAGCS. Time flies when you're having fun. @