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Association Management Update

Board to announce choice of management firm at the Annual Meeting on December 1.

The MAAGCS Board of Directors has entered into the final stages of negotiations with an Association Management Company to handle the administrative duties of the association. This significant event is going to help improve the efficiency of the Association, improve services to the membership and also free the board members to concentrate more on issues that will effect the association in the coming years.

The management company will offer the MAAGCS a central point of communication to gather and dispense information in a timely fashion. An 800 number will be put in place to make it easier for all members to 'stay in touch.' Sending out newsletters, job referrals, meeting notices, etc. will be done in a professional manner. The "inner workings" will also become more streamlined and efficient.

As elections are upon us, the

ability to attract superintendents to run for the board of directors has once again been a challenge. The business has changed, our jobs require more time (more year-round time) and the time for families cannot, and should not, be compromised. Serving on the board of directors is a time-consuming commitment, one that needs to fit in one's schedule. The biggest percentage of time spent by a board member is taken up by paperwork. By eliminating the paperwork, the time is reduced, and what time is taken can be used for helping our profession move forward. We hope that the association management company will be a success and that success will encourage more members to decide to serve on the board of directors because their time spent will be quality time. The announcement for the company chosen to serve as our association manager will be made at the annual meeting on December 1 at Turf Valley. We hope to be able to introduce the principals to the membership and everyone will get a chance to meet the new group.

In closing, I would like to thank a number of people for the time and effort put into our Long Range Planning Committee. It all started well over a year ago with a membership survey. In addition to the board of directors, I wish to acknowledge Walter Montross, Rhys Arthur, Donn Dietrich and anyone I may have missed (hopefully I didn't!) for their invaluable work. It is these people, and those who served the association before them who have made the MAAGCS what it is today! Thank you.

*Michael Gilmore, Chairman
Long Range Planning Committee*



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