

## Industrial Advisory Committee Report

by Harry Fridley

Over three years ago when I was asked to serve on the Industrial Advisory Committee along with two other fellow commercial members, I didn't realize the extent of the adventure before me. It has been both a challenging and rewarding experience. My hope is that we have created a positive beginning towards further expanding the support and relations within the MAAGCS.

I feel that my fellow Class F members and I have begun to build avenues of communication where ideas can travel for the good of all members. We feel very good about the suggestions that we have been able to share which are being considered or are already being implemented.

- More direct lines of communication between the Board of Directors and the Class F members
- Resources for educational seminars

- Annual survey of Class F members to gather a consensus of information
- A structured forum for concerns and suggestions
- Suggested use of name tags at meetings that have been done in the past
- Introduction of guests from the podium at monthly meetings
- More Class F members serving on committees

I am glad that I was able to participate in the building of the foundation for continued open communication and the exchange of ideas among all member of MAAGCS including communication between the Board of Directors and the Class F members. Communication builds strength within our organization and helps to eradicate misunderstandings. MAAGCS as a strong organization, is very important to all its members.

There are many capable and enthusiastic individuals within the Class F membership who want to contribute to and be an active part of the MAAGCS. They bring energy and new ideas that can be built upon. Please give these members your support and encouragement. My three year term as a member of the IAC will soon end, but I will continue to support whoever is elected to take my place. While we as members may not always agree on specific ideas, we must always keep communication open and the best interest of the MAAGCS as our main objective.

In light of the events that occurred on Tuesday September 11, I would like to add my sincere hope that all members of the MAAGCS, their families, and loved ones are well.

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