



Many hands make light work.

Several years ago there was a point where my work responsibilities ramped up very quickly. I felt like I had two or three full-time jobs, and my timecards were showing about

the same. Eventually I separated out two time-consuming roles, and I found two upcoming engineers were eager to dive in and take them on. What happened next was amazing to watch. Not only did I get back my nights and weekends, but with fresh perspectives and enthusiasm the jobs were getting done better than I ever could have done them myself. With my newfound "free time," I ordered a longbow.

As I look at what I do for the MLA, I can see where I'm wearing quite a few hats right now. None of those hats are too difficult or time consuming, but I wonder if there are members who are just waiting for an opening to jump in? With New Year's Eve just a few days away as I write this, I feel it is time for some changes I've been considering for quite a while now.

# The Parting Shot

with Thom Jorgensen

The first big change for me in 2016 is this; I will not be pursuing another term on the council. The Spring Shoot will mark the end of my fourth year in this capacity, and I'm very proud of everything accomplished in this transformational time for our organization. I can see where everything is running smoothly, so I think it would be an excellent time for someone new to come in. I will also be giving up the back page of *STICKTALK* when I step down; instead I'll focus my writing on infrequent feature stories instead.

For the second change, I'd like to find someone with enthusiasm for the Game Awards. I've been doing this for the last two years and it has been fun. I believe there are three elements for doing this successfully: accurate record keeping skills, a static home mailing address, and a tiny bit of leather working skill. To be honest with myself, my leatherworking is subpar; and I had a change of address right after people printed and mailed game award applications this year. I believe there are lots of people who could do this role even better than I have. It's a lot of fun to trade phone calls and emails with folks at the

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end of a successful hunt; this should be a fun and rewarding role for someone.

The last official hat I'm currently wearing is that of Webmaster. Since I haven't heard of anyone wanting to take over this post, I will continue to volunteer in this capacity for the indefinite future. My hope is that by letting go of some other things it will let me double down on what

is left; I suspect this is it. If you have interest in running a website or being a moderator, please let me know via email.

2016 should be a great year for the MLA! The Kalamazoo Expo and Winter Banquet are right around the corner, and the Spring Shoot will be here before you know it!



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