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President's Column

Thanks to you, it's working

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Some of our members might remember the phrase, "Thanks to you, it's working" from United Way television commercials during the mid-1970s. I am reminded of those commercials when I think about the many volunteer hours that AECT members spend supporting our organization and its activities. AECT membership continues to grow, convention attendance increases year by year, and our quality journals are thriving (generating healthy financial returns for our association). New AECT publications are on the horizon, increasing our visibility and importance to the field. Our board of directors recently added a representative from our AECT Professional Ethics committee. Our board of directors, division leaders, and numerous committees continue to work diligently to address their constituencies' needs. Our Graduate Student Assembly regularly develops

enriching opportunities for its members, ranging from webinars to social events. Our ECT Foundation continues its generous financial support for AECT student interns, awards, scholarships, and numerous other programs. The number of AECT affiliates and partners (both domestic and international) continues to increase, along with closer coordination of conference opportunities.

The above accomplishments would not be possible without the unselfish volunteer support of our members. Although it may seem as though we have plenty of help, the good news is that we can always use more! If you have a special skill or talent, or would just like to get involved with AECT, one of our divisions, affiliates, or committees, simply volunteer! You will become one of the many individuals helping our association make a difference. Thanks to you, it's working..... in a most-excellent manner!