

THE EXTRA POINT

STMA NEWS

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been a very busy time for the Sports Turf Managers Association. We have begun to implement all of the plans for the Annual Meeting and Conference, scheduled for January 19-21, 1990 in Houston, TX. The program is being reviewed by the board and should be ready for publication in next month's Extra Point. Exhibitors have begun to reserve their booths inside and demonstration areas outside. I think you'll find the seminars and the exhibits worth every penny of your trip.

The Western Sports Turf Institute at Cal Poly in Pomona was a tremendous success and the Midwest Sports Turf Institute at Harper College in Palatine, IL, is ready to go in June. A date will soon be set for the Northeastern Sports Turf Institute at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. By the end of the year, nearly 1,000 sports turf managers will have taken advantage of STMA regional educational seminars.

STMA also had the opportunity to strengthen our international ties by hosting a delegation of 50 representatives from the Institute of Groundsmanship in England. The IOG members were given a tour of some of the major sports turf facilities in Southern California. This provided a great opportunity for our local members at these facilities to exchange ideas and experiences with their counterparts from Great Britain.

The board of directors and executive committee will be meeting this month in Houston. We will be looking over the site and making final arrangements for the conference.

The primary topic on the agenda is amending the STMA bylaws. The bylaws, which the association is currently governed by, were drawn up when we became an independent organization. Because STMA has grown in size and stature it is necessary to revise our bylaws to reflect these changes.

As always your input as members is welcome and needed if STMA is to continue to grow and be of service to all who work in and are affiliated with the sports turf industry.

Mark Hodnick

DUES INCREASE EFFECTIVE THIS SUMMER

The board recently approved the first increase in STMA dues in more than four years. The change was necessary in order to meet rising costs and to increase the effectiveness of the organization. The new dues take effect on July 1 and will be reflected in invoices to be mailed later this month.

The new dues structure (in U.S. dollars) is as follows:	
Professional Sports Facility Managers	\$75
Additional Members From Professional Facility	\$45
Four-Year Colleges/Universities	\$75
Additional Members From Colleges/Universities	\$45

All Other Schools, Parks, Extension Agents, Municipal Facilities	\$50
Additional Members From School, Parks, Municipal Category	\$30
Students	\$20
Commercial Affiliates (U.S. and Foreign)	\$150
Additional Affiliate Members	\$30
Person Outside U.S. Other Than Commercial Affiliates	\$50

MIDWEST INSTITUTE OFFERS FIVE STEPS TOWARD PROFESSIONALISM

Sports turf managers in the Midwest can gain a broad knowledge of athletic field management in just one day, June 21. That is the day of the annual Midwest Sports Turf Institute to be held at Harper College in Palatine, IL.

The theme of this year's event is, "Athletic Field Management: From Design Through Maintenance, Everything You Need To Know." While the title is long, the content of the meeting has been broken into five easy-to-grasp steps.

Step one is "Planning/Design, What's Involved" by Claude Rodgers of Leisure Concepts and Design, Mt. Prospect, IL. Step two, presented by Marc Van Landuyt, is "Construction, the Hows and Whys." Van Landuyt is president of Van Enterprises in Mudelein, IL. The third step is "Seed Selecting, Choose the Right Turf to Fit Your Needs," by Northrup King's Mark Grundman from Wisconsin Rapids, WI. "Equipment Used on Athletic Fields-Past, Present and Future" is the fourth step presented by Bob Tegenoff of Howard Price Equipment, Chesterfield, MO. Greg Petry, park superintendent of Waukegan, IL, provides the fifth and final step, "Maintenance, Attention to Detail Makes the Difference."

Outdoor exhibits and demonstrations will round out the day's events. Lunch will be served on campus.

STMA encourages all members and nonmembers to take advantage of this unique "hands-on" educational experience. Call Ginnie at STMA headquarters or Chuck Gura at Harper College (312) 387-3000 to sign up for this once-a-year event.

CATCH THE ACTION

Mark your calendar.

June 21 — Midwest Sports Turf Institute
Harper College, Palatine, IL.

September (TBA) - Northeast Sports Turf Institute.
College of Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.



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