

# THE EXTRA POINT

## STMA NEWS

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors met at STMA headquarters in Upland, CA, in early October to set the course for the future of the organization. The most important issue facing the Board was the revision of the association's bylaws. The current bylaws were drawn up when STMA split off from the National Institute for Park and Grounds Management in 1984. They worked well for a small organization with a limited scope of membership. However, as STMA continued to grow over the past few years, the bylaws no longer met its needs.

Realizing this, a committee began the work of revising the bylaws. After many hours of reviewing drafts, looking at bylaws of other associations, debates, and revisions, the board feels that we have drafted a document that will serve the needs of STMA members and administration for a long time. The final draft of the revised bylaws will be presented to the membership for vote at the Annual Meeting in January.

The other important action taken by the board at the meeting was the acceptance of the recommendations from the nominating committee for the upcoming year's officers and board of directors. This past year has been one of transition for the board. The service of some long-time members is coming to a close. The committee presented a very strong slate of candidates. It includes new people, all of whom seem capable of moving STMA into the future, continuing its phenomenal growth.

All current members of STMA will be receiving ballots in the mail so they can vote for officers and board members. I encourage you to return your ballots marked after voting for the candidates of your choice.

### UPDATE ON THE INJURED LIST

No sooner had Harry Gill, head groundskeeper of Milwaukee County Stadium, checked out of St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee after a heart attack, when Dr. Kent Kurtz, former executive director of STMA, was rushed to a hospital in Illinois for a bleeding ulcer. And who was one of his first visitors? . . . The recovering Gill.

Kurtz, professor of horticulture at Cal Poly University in Pomona, had returned the week before from a tour of sports facilities in England. He was visiting his son and brother in Davis, IL, when he started to hemorrhage. It took emergency surgery and more than six pints of blood to stabilize Kurtz. After a week, he was transferred to a hospital near his home in Ontario, CA. He is scheduled for further surgery this month. Cards and letters may be sent to his home, 1458 N. Euclid, Ontario, CA 91764.

John Liburdi, head groundskeeper for the Albany-Colonie Yankees in Loudonville, NY, suffered a heart attack in August. The young Liburdi, who recently helped Cornell University with a sports turf symposium at Heritage Park, was rushed to a hospital after experiencing chest pains at home. He is already back at work at the Stadium.

### TRAVEL DISCOUNTS ARRANGED FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

American Airlines and Avis have been selected as the official airlines and rental car agency for the Second Annual STMA Conference & Show, January 19-21 at the Wyndham Hotel Greenspoint in Houston, TX.

Conference participants can save up to 40 percent on air fares to and from Houston by flying American. The discount applies to full coach fares originating in the continental U. S. The discount for flights from Canada is 35 percent. For STMA conference goers from cities that already offer discount fares, American will cut the fare an additional five percent. To obtain the special fares, call American's meeting services desk toll free at (800) 433-1790. Ask for star number S-01104L.

Avis offers a special discount convention rate for all conference participants while they are in the Houston area. Reservations may be made by calling toll free (800) 331-1600. Callers are asked to provide these "award numbers" for the STMA conference: daily rentals - A/B 743435; weekly - A/B 744037; or weekend - A/B 743737.

### 1989 DIRECTORY AVAILABLE SOON

The 1989 edition of the Sports Turf Managers Association Membership Directory is being printed and will soon be available to all current members. The STMA office will be mailing the directories as soon as we receive them from the printer. If you have not yet paid your dues, you may not receive the new directory.

### CATCH THE ACTION!

Mark your calendar!

**January 19-21, 1990**

**Annual Conference and Trade Show**  
Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel, Houston, TX  
**March 6, 1990**

**Southeastern Sports Turf Institute**  
Citrus Bowl, Orlando, FL

**March 20, 1990**

**Southwestern Sports Turf Institute**  
California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA



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