

STMA IN ACTION

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CHAPTERS ANNOUNCE SUMMER EVENTS

Regional meetings help STMA members keep up-to-date on the latest in sports turf management and provide a forum for interaction between individuals facing similar problems. Borrowing a quote from the Florida Chapter: "We learn from the mistakes and experiences of others because we cannot possibly live long enough to make them all ourselves."

Midwest Chapter—The Midwest Chapter announces its June 24th, National Midwest Sports Turf Institute, "The Look of the Professional-Meeting the Challenge for High Quality and Safe Sports Turf." The event takes place at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. On-site registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

This Institute is a combination of practical demonstrations on athletic field maintenance techniques and educational sessions, led by a virtual "Who's Who" of the sports turf industry. STMA President Dr. Gil Landry, University of Georgia, president STMA will welcome attendees. Keynote speaker, Chip Toma, Kansas City Chiefs, will set the tone with his address, "Being a Sports Turf Professional."

Other topics and speakers include: "What's Our Image—Natural Turf Grass," presented by Dr. Harry Indyk, professor emeritus, Rutgers University and consulting agronomist, Turfeon; "Quality Painting, Striping and Lining Techniques," by Walt Holden, Carbit Paint Company; "The Ultimate Challenge in Athletic Field Care—How One Guy Does It All," by Jim Lewandowski, groundsman, Hinsdale Central High School; "Inexpensive Athletic Field Renovations for Field Playability," by Roy Zehren, Natural Athletic Turf, Inc.; "Recognizing Poor Athletic Field Safety," by Dr. Dave Minner, University of Missouri; "Organizing and Scheduling Your Field Maintenance Crews," by Brian Huckstadt, superintendent of parks, Rolling Meadows Park District; "Putting Research Findings to Work

For You," by Gary Peterson, Jasper County-Iowa Cooperative Extension Service; "Low Cost Athletic Field Management Equipment," by Bill Wolsfeld, Wheaton College; and "Edging for Sharp Baselines and Arcs," by Mike Trigg, Waukegan Park District.

The event also includes a trade show at which vendors will display and demonstrate what's new in the industry in equipment, seed, fertilizer, irrigation,

sports field supplies, and more.

For further information, contact Mike Trigg, Waukegan Park District, (708) 360-4750.

Chesapeake Chapter—The Chesapeake Chapter quarterly meeting will be held June 3 at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus. Details of the meeting will be announced shortly.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Gil Landry, Jr.

The Sports Turf Managers Association is in a state of change—a state of evolution.

Change is an everyday fact of life. The very structure and make-up of STMA is constantly growing and expanding—changing. STMA has not only weathered the persistent storms of change, but also, time-in and time-out, successfully met the challenges of evolution.

At this very moment, STMA is at a unique and very exciting crossroads—a crossroads that will dramatically affect its future.

With the continued development of chapters and the continued growth in membership, the STMA board has embarked on a bold and progressive course. This course not only preserves the vital daily activities of the association, but also assures a prosperous future for the STMA.

The association is currently working through a 90-day transition period, which will culminate at the June 23, 1992, board meeting during the Midwest Institute in Chicago. At this meeting, the board hopes to decide on a perma-



nent executive director and/or association management company.

Currently, the association management company of Smith, Bucklin & Associates is managing the day-to-day affairs of STMA, which include organizing an annual conference and meeting; maintaining involvement with national issues like the American Standards Testing Materials (ASTM) Committee; and, perhaps most challenging and important, cultivating membership services.

STMA is also considering a national certification program, which will serve to certify and accredit its members. When in place, this program will give individuals a means to demonstrate their professionalism and add leverage during job searches and salary negotiations.

STMA has always been responsive to its members' need and is committed to fulfilling its mission. Rest assured, the STMA board is taking a total business perspective regarding the future of this organization. As the architects of change, the STMA board understands the operational, human resource, and long-term planning issues that impact this organization. With the continued support and participation of its members, STMA will continue to evolve towards the future. □