

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Greg Petry

In the last issue, we discussed 1990's phenomenon of *partnerships*. I mentioned that STMA would be contacting leaders of our commercial sector to see if they would be interested in supporting an activity in 1994. Well, guess what? We had a few pleasant surprises.



The John Deere Company has committed to fund the next Sports Turf Topics. Members have received the 1993 compendium of articles that appeared in various trade publications throughout the year. This is a great resource. Watch for the 1994 issue. Many thanks to Bob Tracinski of John Deere for his ongoing support of our profession and industry.

More great news is that the Toro Company is sponsoring the production of our next five newsletters. Dr. Jim Watson, a long-time supporter of STMA and honorary lifetime member, submitted to



Toro for the support and will be working with Dennis Brown. If you run into Dr. Watson or Denny Brown, please be sure to thank them for Toro's support.

STMA and Adams publishing have also signed a new two-year deal. Many thanks to Mark Adams, Bruce Shank, and Matt Trulio for their continued support of STMA.

Three members have joined into a partnership to help coordinate our next conference and show. Mark you calendars! Plan on being in Bradenton, FL, February 4-8, 1995. Mike Schiller, Dr. Henry Indyk, and Eugene Mayer of O.M. Scott have been busy organizing this conference. Our contact at Pirate City, the host site, is Mike Hurd. Henry and Eugene met with Mike in January to plan the on-site logistics. By the way, Eugene and Henry committed their own personal resources to take on this initiative. Great job gentlemen!

Rich Moffit of St. Louis University and

an STMA board member has been working with staff to redesign and produce a new membership brochure. Rich and the membership committee have been planning a membership recruitment program. STMA has been receiving approximately 15 new membership applications per month.

Mike Trigg and the education committee have been planning the following three institutes:

- Chesapeake Chapter — September, RFK Stadium/
- Midwest Chapter — October, Milwaukee City Stadium
- Southern California — October, UCLA.

Watch the "Chapter News" for additional information. Many thanks to the chapters and those working on the local institute committees.

And lastly, Bret Kelsey and I have been painstakingly working on the 1994 budget. Although the process was extremely arduous, we have created a final plan that will leave the association with little or no debt by the end of 1994. We have reexamined some of our operating procedures, restructured the dues assessments,

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shaved expenses and conservatively projected our revenues. A very conservative approach was taken because we want to stay on track and be in a positive cash flow position by the beginning of 1995.

As you can see, the association has taken a turn for the better. We now project a positive cash flow, surpluses, etc. Of course, any surplus would be reinvested in new or improved services for members.

What tremendous *commitment* by the people who have hung in there during trying times! Isn't it interesting that some people are with us throughout good times and bad? Others have been with us part of the time — depending on how well we're doing. And of course, some will never be with us no matter how well we do.

Commitment. We have had a lot of people who share a vision. They have influenced what has happened and everyone has appreciated what has happened. Thank you to those who have shown commitment to our association and our profession. Let's continue to work together to promote better and safer sports turf!

STMA Chapter News

The Southern California Chapter: STMA — Friday, May 8 makes the Southern California Chapter's "STMA Fun Night At The MURPH!" at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium. Join in the opportunity to network and pick up practical tips, as well as have fun.

Attendees will gather at the East Tunnel at 3 p.m. sharp for a tour of the stadium and peek behind the scenes. Next, a panel of your peers from local schools, parks, and colleges will share problem-solving methods from "the trenches of real life" in these budget-squeezed times. Following that, the group will enjoy a buffet dinner and refreshments with a "sky box view" of batting practice and an evening game as the Colorado Rockies face the Padres.

There is a \$30 charge per person and a limit of 50 people in the sky box. Registration must be postmarked before April 27. Don't get shut out!

Send reservations to San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium c/o Steve Wightman, 9449 Friars Rd., San Diego, CA 92108 or call Steve at (619) 525-8272 for more information.

Other upcoming events include an August networking/learning/fun session at Dodger Stadium, which will include a

game between the Dodgers and Cubs, and the Southern California Institute that will be held October 12 at UCLA in Los Angeles. More details on these events will soon be announced.

For more information on the Southern California Chapter, contact Chris Bunnell, (619) 432-2421.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association — The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association will hold a two-part workshop on Baseball/Softball Field Maintenance in Boone, IA, on Saturday, May 14.

The morning baseball session will take place at Memorial Park, 2000 Boone St. Featured presenter will be Mike Andresen from the Iowa Cubs. Mike will be assisted by Dale Roe, Iowa State University, and other ISTMA members. The tentative agenda is: 9:30 a.m. registration; 10 a.m. — Reshaping/Building the Pitching Mound; 11 a.m. — Proper Infield Preparation, including Dragging Tips; 11:30 a.m. — Prevention and Removal of Infield Lips; Noon — Drying Wet Grounds.

The afternoon softball session will take place at the Little League Complex, 200 West 2nd Street. Featured presenter will be Bill Antons of the Boone Community School District. Bill also we be assisted by

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