

STMA MESSAGE



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STMA Presence

As the STMA continues to grow and mature as an organization, one of our goals is to have a greater presence both at a local level and at national events that affect the sports turf industry.

Most recently, STMA had a booth at the Florida Turfgrass Association Show and plans are in place for booths at the Baseball Winter Meetings Trade Show and Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Show.

We realize that as a national organization with a large, diverse membership, we must find ways to reach those who are interested in advancing the profession of sports turf management. As more and more people are finding, our niche of the turfgrass industry requires a unique set of skills and will only continue to rise in importance as athletes are paid

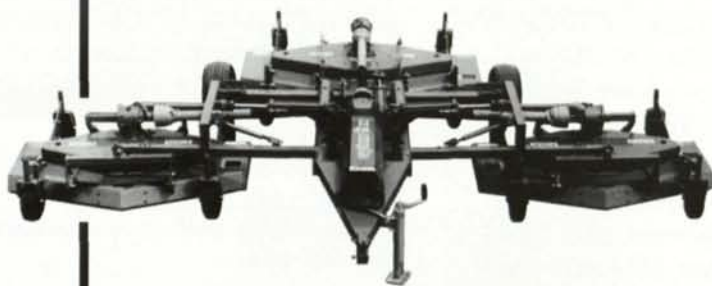
more, professional and amateur sports take on greater social value and the option of litigation is chosen more frequently for sports-turf-related injuries.

Take note in these pages of the happenings of STMA chapters scattered throughout the country. As a former chapter president and board member, I can attest to the hard work done at the chapter level. Along with those affiliated chapters are many organizations that are meeting and working through the chapter guidelines to form official STMA chapters. The chapter organizations help to deliver the STMA message at local and regional levels.

We hope you find the STMA influence in your area of sports turf and, just as importantly, we hope to find *you* present at future STMA events.

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