

## STMA MESSAGE



### Leaving Things Better

By Greg Petry

In this, my last column as president, I would like to thank you all for the support that you have given me. I am both pleased and proud to say that I feel we have accomplished the things that we set out to do when I was elected two years ago in Baltimore. We have overcome many challenges — overcome our financial burdens, expanded our membership, and maintained a positive attitude and momentum through it all.

Membership has grown each year. We are able to put on bigger and better shows and, because of our positive cash flow, we can now use the strength of our organization, and the knowledge of our board members, to give better services to you — the members of the Sports Turf Managers Association.

I am pleased and proud to say that I am leaving you in the very capable hands of your president-elect, Mike Schiller, who is both a professional and personal friend of mine. I know that under his careful guidance, nothing that we have accomplished will be lost, and there is only gain ahead for STMA.

I would also like to announce that STMA has hired Trusty & Associates as our new management firm. Steven Trusty is our new Executive Director. His offices are located at 1375 Rolling Hills Loop, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51503-8552. Phone numbers are (712)366-2669 or (800) 323-3875. He can also be reached by FAX at (712)366-9119 or E-mail — TrustyTips@aol.com.

I would like to take a moment to thank the sponsors of all of our activities — the conferences, the magazine and newsletter advertisements, and the list goes on. Without their support, none of this would be possible. I would also like to thank all of you who served on the board with me for your assistance and support.



We all come into this world hoping to leave it a little better off than we found it. I hope that I have been able to do that for STMA. I look forward to continuing to do my part to make the

Sports Turf Managers Association a leader in the sports turf industry. Remember — this is your association, your profession — get involved and make a difference!

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