STMA MESSAGE

Problem Solving

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I have been asked several times in the past few months, "What benefits do I receive by becoming a member of STMA?" I can think of quite a few that I would like to list for you.

•You become a part of one of the fastest growing associations in the industry.

•You will receive a free subscription to *sportsTURF* magazine.

•You will receive the STMA newsletter, "Sports Turf Manager."

•You will receive a copy of our annual compendium of industry-related articles.

•Last, but not least, you will receive a copy of our directory, the *STMA Membership Roster & Resource Manual.*

This directory alone is worth the price of membership. It gives you the names and numbers of some of the best problem solvers in the industry: our membership. On numerous occasions when I have had a problem, I have called on fellow members to see what they had done in similar circumstances. In every instance, they were cordial and did everything they could to help.

I think one of the nicest parts of being involved with STMA has been the people I had the opportunity to meet and become friends with. It is very encouraging to know that the people in our field have always been willing to share their time and expertise -- to talk openly about their successes, and about their failures, to help you avoid the same problems.

I have enjoyed every year that I have been a member of this organization, and I urge you to become an active member. We still have several positions on committees open. Why not fill one of those spots? Get to meet new people and make friends. If you're interested, call our office number, (800) 323-3875, and let them know that you're ready to serve.

While you're at it, talk one of your friends into joining. We can only grow and become stronger by spreading the word. STMA is alive and growing, and I'm proud to be a part of it.