

STMA MESSAGE



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Spring To It

With the crush of the daily routine, let's keep focused on what our efforts are all about — providing better and safer sports turf areas so all athletes — whatever their age, gender or skill level — have the opportunity to perform to the best of their abilities.

For that to happen we, the sports turf managers, need to perform to the best of our abilities, making the most of our budgets and resources. As we are sometimes all too aware, this is no easy task. Budgets get tighter at the same time that field use demands increase. While STMA can't make that crunch go away, the goal of your national and chapter organizations is to help provide the tools that will enable you to do your

job better. STMA is your organization. You are the driving force, the key resources, the top contributors of ideas and expertise — and the ones who will benefit most from active participation.

We're moving ahead and some exciting things took root at our 8th Annual Conference in Colorado Springs.

Chapter representatives got together for breakfast and discussion. Mike Andresen, athletic turf manager for Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, took on the duties of chairman of the Chapter Relations Committee. Mike has asked all chapter presidents to serve on the committee and has called for a more active information exchange and sharing of ideas among the chapters. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Mike or call headquarters, and they'll pass the information along.

Steve Wightman, turf manager, San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, hosted a breakfast meeting for

Category I members — the sports turf managers of professional sports facilities. This group is brimming with ideas to increase the more technical aspects of STMA educational programs, raise our level of professionalism, and help gain more visibility and respect within the green industry, athletics and the general public, for all sports turf managers.

In addition, the core committee of the Certification Committee held their first meeting. This group, chaired by Dr. Henry Indyk, will be meeting again this month. To ensure accuracy, they request that all those with input for consideration pass that information along to headquarters in writing. This is obviously a major project, but one that should benefit all sports turf managers personally and our industry as a whole.

So everybody, there's lots of neat "stuff" in the works — and to pull it all together — STMA needs you!



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