

STMA MESSAGE



By
Mike Schiller

Two years ago, I was handed the reins of STMA as your president. I've been fortunate to be a part of STMA's growth — not only in numbers, but in the services we provide our members. This growth is the by-product of the hard work of some very special people. As I hand over the reins of the presidency, I take this opportunity to thank them.

First, thanks to Steve Guise, president-elect; Henry Indyk, commercial vice president; Eugene Mayer, secretary; Rich Moffitt, treasurer; L. Murray Cook, Bucky Trotter, Mary Owen, Bob Patt and Bob Curry, our board members; and Greg Petry, immediate past president. They have given their time and talents to help make this one of the hardest working boards STMA has ever had and are key to our success.

To Mike Trigg (chair), Troy Smith,

Thanks for a Great Run!

Ken Norkosky and all the people who have worked on the raffle/silent auction committee, thank you. Thank you, too, to all of you who have contributed items and joined in the bidding and raffle processes. They have generated funds for our scholarships and provided some fun in the process.

To all of you who have volunteered to work on a committee, thanks! I'm grateful for your dedication and service. A special thanks to those who have worked on the education and conference committees. Our annual program has grown each year, and is an even better event because of you.

I thank every member of STMA for your support. You have helped STMA grow and become a leader in the turf industry. I challenge each of you to take an active part in the organization. There's lots to do — and you'll gain more than you'll ever give.

I thank Fred and Rosalie Stice, whose encouragement early in my career helped steer me into the turf industry. I also thank my employers over the past 15 years for allowing me to become so actively involved in STMA. I owe special thanks to the Schaumburg and Rolling Meadows



Park Districts for allowing me to serve as president-elect and president these past four years.

Last and most importantly, I thank the most important people in my life: my children — Elizabeth, Jennifer, Matt and John — and my lovely wife of 26 years, Charlotte. Your patience, understanding and loving support have helped make these last few years speed by.

Our future is strong. STMA has grown and continues to grow. We have a record number of student members, all with much to offer the sports turf industry and our association. At the same time, we are drawing on the experience of the past through our Past Presidents Council, and through the input of other long-term STMA members.

I'm pleased to say we're keeping alive the dream of my dear friend Harry "Pops" Gill. I know he'd be proud of us. I ask you to continue to support STMA as your new president and board take over. I'm sure they'll continue to lead us forward.

Thanks for a great run!

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Application for Membership

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) is an organization of professionals representing all segments of the sports turf industry. Our members work to combine the science of growing grass and the art of maintaining sports turf to produce playing fields that are both safe and aesthetically pleasing.

STMA provides members with a variety of benefits, including: education through regional institutes and conferences; support for sports turf research; facilities tours; a national awards program; access to the STMA National Conference and Exhibition; complimentary subscriptions to Sports Turf Manager and sportsTURF Magazine; and much more.

If you're serious about the sports turf industry, then it's time to become a member of STMA. Join today!

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Membership Category (please check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional sports turf facility manager | \$85 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four-year colleges and universities sports turf facility manager | \$85 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other schools, research, ext. agents, teaching | \$85 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (US or International) | \$195 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional members from same company | \$50 |
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