May 25, 32 people gathered at the University of Notre Dame for the STMA Indiana Chapter Spring Seminar. Terry Updike officially opened the session, and invited attendees to take part in the day’s full schedule.

- Dr. Zach Reicher, professor of turf science at Purdue University, presented information on the effects of Gray Leaf Spot on perennial rye-grass. This potentially devastating problem has impacted broad sections of golf courses and athletic turf across regions of the Northeast and parts of the Midwest. It appears to be spreading into new areas. Dr. Reicher alerted attendees to its symptoms, and recommended cultural practices to help avoid infestation and to cope with one if it occurs. He provided information on upcoming turfgrass programs, and fielded questions from the group.
- Janet Kelly, superintendent of grounds for IPFW University of Fort Wayne, described the process of building nine new native-soil soccer fields on the campus this past spring. She explained soil-sampling procedures used to control the make-up of the soil profile and insure field uniformity. She went on to discuss details of installation, seeding, growing, and ongoing maintenance. Kelly hopes to have the fields ready for play this fall.
- After lunch in the Notre Dame Stadium Press Box, Athletic Facilities Manager Dale Getz conducted tours of the stadium's football field, one of the lacrosse fields, and the baseball field. The sand-based football field had weathered its first season of play the previous year, and had come through in good shape. Notre Dame had just been selected to host the NCAA regional baseball competition leading up to the College World Series, so Getz explained the extra steps they were taking to prepare for the weekend games.
- The day’s events ended with a demonstration of athletic field painting by Mark Whitlam of Pro-Stripe Athletic Field Paint. Whitlam showed proper operation of a paint machine, how to work with stencils, and how to lay out field lines.

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**Colorado Chapter:** An August event in Grand Junction and a Sept. 15 Fall Football and Soccer Seminar at Jackie Robinson Field of Lawry Air Force Base are in the planning stages.

For information, call the chapter hotline: (303) 346-8954, or check out the Web site: [www.cstma.org](http://www.cstma.org).

**Iowa Chapter:** ISTMA will again participate in the ITI/IGCSA Benefit Golf Tournament Aug. 30 at the Wakonda Club in Des Moines.

ISTMA members will gather for a tailgate party before attending the ISU/Iowa football game in Ames Sat., Sept. 11.

For information, contact Lori Westrum at the Turf Office: (515) 232-8222, or fax: (515) 232-8228.

**Wisconsin Chapter:** Sept. 14, WSTMA will meet at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Field Supervisor Pete Bemis will conduct a tour of his facility.

For more information, contact Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates, Inc.: (715) 341-2633.

**Great Lakes Chapter:** A Fall Field Day at Sylvania Pacesetter Park, 9 am-3 pm, Sept. 14, will feature equipment manufacturers, turf product manufacturers, and speakers.

GLSTMA has introduced a $250 scholarship program for students pursuing a career in turf. For application materials, call: (419) 885-1982.

In cooperation with Profile Products, GLSTMA will again sponsor Field of the Year awards. Members can obtain application materials at the Web site, or by calling (419) 885-1982.

For general information, contact Joe Zelinko: (800) 897-9714, or Boyd Montgomery: (419) 885-1982, or visit the Web site: [http://members.tripod.com/~glstma](http://members.tripod.com/~glstma).

**Indiana Chapter:** A September event is in the planning stages. More details will be announced soon.

For information, contact Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer: (219) 356-8424, or Pat Hickner: (800) 672-4273.

**KAFMO Chapter:** The Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization will team up with Penn State Cooperative Extension to host four on-field, one-day clinics in western Pennsylvania this fall: Sept. 20, Allegheny College, Meadville; Sept. 21, Cranberry, PA; Sept. 22, Washington, PA; and Sept. 23, Johnston/Altoona. Specific sites will be announced soon.

Each clinic will open with registration at 9:30 am, and will wrap up at 2:30 pm. Topics include: communications between ADs, coaches, associations, and parents; development of a turf maintenance program; managing volunteers; managing turf areas of an athletic field; fall renovation tips; and post-game field tips.

For information, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club: (610) 375-8469, ext. 212.

**Florida Chapter #1:** The Florida Chapter will hold its 8th annual Turf Rodeo Sept. 22 at Lake Ida Park in Delray. Events include educational sessions, Bobcat Basketball, and mower relays.

Nov. 19, the Chapter will hold a meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. The meeting will focus on "Sports Turf Equipment Demonstrations for Maintaining Athletic Fields."

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For information, contact John Mascaro: (954) 341-3115.

MAFMO Chapter: The Mid-Atlantic Field Managers Organization will hold a Design and Spec Workshop in Annapolis, MD, in late September. Featured speakers will include Don Campbell of French & Assoc., Columbus, GA; and Paul Zwaska, head groundskeeper for the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards.

For information, contact the hotline: (410) 290-5652.

North Texas Chapter: The Chapter is planning a Sept. 2 meeting. Details will be announced soon.

For information, contact Rene Asprion, Diamond Pro: (800) 228-2987; Tom Welch, CSM, Central Garden and Pet: (800) 788-9581; or visit the Web site: www.nstma.org.

Michigan Chapter: For information, contact Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools: (616) 395-2364.

Midwest Chapter: For information, call the chapter hotline: (847) 622-3517.

So-Cal Chapter: Contact the chapter hotline: (888) 578-STMA.

Tennessee Valley Chapter: Contact Tom McAfee, Nashville Sounds: (615) 242-4371, or Bob Hogan: (888) 224-6426.

Mid-South Chapter: For information, contact Jim Calhoun: (901) 755-1305, or Robert Bodi: (901) 383-2414.

Minnesota Chapter: For information, contact Connie Rudolph: (651) 646-1679.

Nor-Cal Chapter: Contact Janet Gift: (530) 758-4200.

Arizona Chapter: The Chapter will join forces with the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association for a Sept. 8 workshop at Doubletree Resort. The program opens at 8:15 am with a presentation by Dr. Tony Koski of Colorado State University on "Grounds Maintenance - How We Affect Playability." Next, Dr. Jack Handly of Dow Agri Sciences addresses, "The How and Why of Successful Preemergent Chemicals." The agenda also includes the following: Dr. Dean Mosdell of Novartis Crop Protection, "Fertility and Fertilizer Types;" Dr. Chip Howard of Turf Science Inc., "Problems Facing the

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Lunch will be held in the Exhibit Hall, giving attendees the opportunity to visit with vendors.

The Chapter's Annual Meeting will be held 3:30-4:30 pm in conjunction with this event.

Contact Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 312-7954; or Kris Kircher, City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 786-2728.

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