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TMA chapters have made a huge step forward in 1999. Prior to the opening of STMA's 10th annual Conference & Exhibition in Mesa, AZ, last month, representatives of most affiliated and forming chapters met for the first-ever Chapter Officers Training and Exchange Session.

The session provided a networking bonanza for those attending. The phrase, "been there; done that," takes on a whole new meaning when you can compare and share the results of your experiences with others.

Look for exciting new developments within your chapter, and take a few minutes to thank those involved for their commitment and hard work.

Chapter news

KAFMO Chapter: The Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization elected 1999 recently its

Board of Directors: Dan Douglas President Don Fowler Vice President Kevin Yeiser Secretary Jim Welshans Treasurer Tim Spangler Central Dauphin School District Co-Director: Public / Private Schools Stanley Weaver Upper Dauphin School District Co-Director: Public / Private Schools Neale Magill Hampden Township Co-Director: Parks/Recreation Chris Lessig Manheim Township Co-Director: Parks/Recreation Jim Welshans Dauphin County Coop. Extension Co-Director: Education / Extension



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vendor displays. Presentation topics will include: drainage, liability, sprayer calibration, low-budget turf care, innovative establishment systems, and more.

KAFMO/STMA is co-sponsoring the Northwestern Pennsylvania Athletic Field, Turf, and Ornamental Conference in Meadville, PA, Mar. 23. For details on this event, contact Jeff Fowler: (814) 437-7607.

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

Minnesota Chapter: The Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association 1999 Board of Directors follows:

Connie Rudolph Midway Stadium President Paul Griffin City of Woodbury Immediate Past President Ron Werner Kasson Mantorville Schools

President Elect Dale Wysocki Minnesota Vikings Secretary Lori Gislason University of Minnesota Treasurer Arin Laugtug Tessman Company Commercial Rep. Tom Rudburg University of St. Thomas Minn. Turfgrass Foundation Rep. The Minnesota Chapter is also planning a March workshop at the newly expanded Toro headquarters in Bloomington, MN. For information, contact Connie Rudolph: (612) 646-1679. Colorado Chapter: The Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association 1999 Board of Directors follows:

Troy Smith Denver Broncos President Abby McNeal Pleasant View Sports Complex Immediate Past President Jim Mueller City of Westminster/Colorado Rapids Vice President Dave Cooper CPS Distributors Commercial Officer Bobbi Smith Executive Secretary

The following members have been elected to the position of director: Dave Brueggeman, South Suburban Parks and Rec. District; Jim Lamb, Littleton Public Schools; Kalin Stovall, Colorado State University; Riley Caldwell, City and County of Denver Parks and Rec.; and Scott Patterson, City of Northglenn Parks.

For information, call the 24-hour CSTMA chapter hotline: (303) 438-9645.

Florida Chapter #1: In March, Florida Chapter will participate in the South Florida Expo - IFAS in Fort Lauderdale.

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



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Great Lakes Chapter: The chapter is currently planning two spring events. The site and date are yet to be determined for an athletic field day and workshop. Another workshop has been tentatively planned with the Cleveland Browns.

Aimcor - TURFACE has again agreed to sponsor the GLSTMA Field of the Year awards. Contact GLSTMA headquarters for criteria information. Members may enter their facility no later than Oct. 1, 1999.

GLSTMA will also have an exhibit booth at the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Show in February.

The chapter is working on a website so that members will be able to check upcoming events, get membership applications, link to the National STMA and other turf-related websites. and e-mail GLSTMA Board members.

For information, contact Joe Zelinko: (800) 897-9714, or Boyd Montgomery: (419) 885-1982.

MAFMO Chapter: MAFMO is planning a two-day irrigation training and installation seminar this spring. The date and site will be announced soon.

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

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

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

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

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

Northern California Chapter: For information, contact Sal Genito, UC Davis: (530) 752-1691.

Southern California Chapter: For information, contact the chapter hotline: (888) 578-STMA.

Chapters on the grow

Arizona Chapter: For information, contact Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 994-7954; or Kris Kircher, City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 786-2728.

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

Nevada Chapter: For information, contact Ibsen Dow: (702) 649-1551: or Alan Paulson. Clark County School District: (702) 799-8724.

North Texas Chapter: For information, contact Rene Asprion, Diamond Pro: (800) 228-2987; or Tom Welch, CSM, Central Garden and Pet: (800) 788-9581.

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

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