

# Fourth Annual Pennsylvania Athletic



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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 turfgrasses 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: educational opportunities; support for sports turf research; facilities tours; a national awards program; job hotline; access to the STMA National Conference & Exhibition; complimentary subscriptions to Sports Turf Manager and sportsTURF Magazine; and MUCH more!

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# Field Conference Draws Record Crowd

Over 250 attendees filled the Holiday Inn meeting room to overflowing in Grantville, Pa., on Feb.

24. The KAFMO Chapter of STMA and the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Association joined forces on their Fourth Annual Pennsylvania Athletic Field Conference and it was a resounding success.

Vendor displays greeted the attendees as they begin registering at 8 a.m. The registration hour provided an opportunity to connect with suppliers, check out new products and share news with other attendees. Dan Douglas, KAFMO/STMA President, opened the sessions with welcoming remarks. He was followed by Steve Trusty, executive director of STMA, addressing "Sports

STMA in Action

Turf Management for the 21st Century." The Certification Program and the logistics of application, verification of information, approval of qualifications and setting up sites for testing were all part of his presentation.

Next, Dr. Andrew McNitt, assistant professor at Penn State University, presented, "Improving Athletic Field Soils." McNitt tackled the basics in a detailed yet down to earth presentation.

Following a break and another opportunity to visit with vendors, Dr. Dave Minner, associate professor, Iowa State University, presented practical ideas attendees could take home and put to use in his "Ten Tips for Sports Turf on a Limited Budget."

Attendees reported the buffet lunch was great, and the additional opportunity to connect with vendors and do a little networking was much appreciated, especially with such a good crowd on hand.

Jeff Borger, research assistant, Penn State University, opened the afternoon session with a presentation titled, "Poor Turfgrass Management Instructions Followed Well." This presentation pointed out the importance of knowing what you want to communicate to employees and making sure that: you say what you want to say; you say all you need to say; and your employees hear and understand what you say. His talk was both humorous and to the point.

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Dr. Minner focused on "The Five Most Common Mistakes in Sports Turf Management and their Solutions," in his second presentation. Minner noted it's obviously best to avoid such mistakes but, when they do occur, it's wise to be prepared with efficient and effective solutions. It may take some short-term solutions that will need later, longer-term adjustments to produce safe, playable fields for the current games.

Following the afternoon break, Dan Douglas led a group discussion about "The Drought." (Action taken by KAFMO/STMA and other associations in conjunction with governing agencies to avoid the water-use restrictions and ban most turf and sports turf facilities faced during the drought of 1999 will be addressed in an upcoming article.)

"Great program, great conference," was the overwhelming response of attendees.

## Chapter News

**Gateway:** The next chapter event will be a baseball field prep day at the T. R. Hughes Ball Park, home of the River City Rascals, in O'Fallon, Mo., beginning at 4 p.m. on April 25. Activities will include a field prep demonstration by Mark Cantrell and his River City Rascals crew. Attendees are invited to stay for the baseball game

between Saint Louis University and Mizzou. If you are planning to attend or need more information on this event, contact Mark Jennings at (314) 983-5345. For information on other upcoming events or on the chapter, contact: Jim Anthony, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., at: (314) 977-3228.

**Arizona:** The chapter will hold a Fiesta in Tucson on Friday, May 5, at the Pima County Sports Authority Complex at Tucson Electric Park. Registration begins at 7 a.m.; events begin at 8 a.m. Events will include educational seminars, demonstrations and vendor displays. For more information on this event, contact Chris Bartos at (520) 434-1301 or Bill Murphy via e-mail, at [bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us](mailto:bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us), or phone: (480) 312-7954. For information on upcoming events, contact: Bill Murphy.

**Wisconsin:** The chapter will hold their Spring Meeting on May 9. Events will start at 8 a.m. with a three-hour hands-on infield workshop at the Nienhaus Sports Complex in Appleton, Wis. The group will then travel to The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Stadium for lunch and a field preparation demonstration. The meeting will end at 2 p.m. Attendees are welcome to stay for the Rattlers game that night. For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter or pending events, contact: Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates, Inc. at (715) 341-2633.

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