The Iowa and Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Associations co-sponsored a joint Chapter Baseball Workshop at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb., on Oct. 11, 2000.

Exhibitors gathered at 7 a.m. to set up displays in the plaza in front of the stadium entrance. They formed a corridor from the registration area at the entry gate to the refreshment area at the far end of the plaza.

More than 90 attendees took part in the meeting. They began gathering at 8 a.m. to pick up their badges and seminar booklets, view the exhibits and visit with exhibitors. Friendly greetings and the buzz of networking, coupled with hot coffee, soon warmed the chilly morning air.

The group moved indoors for the morning session. STMA Executive Director Steve Trusty opened with welcoming remarks. Then Dr. Roch Gaussoin of the University of Nebraska gave a presentation on "Bermudagrass as an Alternative for Athletic Fields." Next came Dr. Dave Minner of Iowa State University with information on "Putting Your Field to Bed so It Wakes Up Happy." Then Todd Meyer and Jay Gerlich of DTN Weather Center set up a demonstration on Storm Sentry and fielded questions on the system from attendees.

The attendees moved back out to the plaza to enjoy lunch, more networking and another opportunity to pick up information from the exhibitors.

The afternoon sessions moved into the stadium and took the field. Two sessions were presented simultaneously with the group of attendees dividing in two and one half attending each session. Each session was repeated, so by switching speakers on the second go round, all attendees had the opportunity to participate in all the sessions. The first two sessions, offered from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and then repeated from 2 to 2:30 p.m., were "Construction Projects," presented by Dr. Rock Gaussoin, and "Infield - Skinned Areas and Homemade Drags" presented by meeting host, Jesse Cuevas, Rosenblatt Stadium superintendent. The next two sessions, offered from 1:30 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 3 p.m., were "Clay Area Maintenance & Repairs" presented by Trevor Vance, head groundskeeper for the Kansas City Royals, and "A Walking Tour of Field Assessment and Troubleshooting," lead by Dr. Dave Minner.

The groups ended the day with more refreshments, more networking and a drawing for some great prizes donated by the vendors. A great time was had by all and plans are already underway for next year’s joint event.

Chapter News

Mark your calendars now for STMA’s 12th Annual Conference & Exhibition, “Upward and Onward,” to be held Jan. 17 to 21, 2001, at the Tampa Marriott Waterside and the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Fla.

Arizona: For information on the chapter or other upcoming events, contact: Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Park, Recreation and Facilities Manager, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or phone:(480) 312-7954.

Colorado: For information on the Colorado Chapter or upcoming activities, log on to the Chapter’s Web site: www.cstma.org or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline: (303) 346-8954.

Florida Chapter #1: For information on the Florida Chapter or pending activities, contact: John Mascaro at (954) 341-3115.

Gateway: For information on upcoming events or on the chapter, contact: Mark Jennings at (314) 983-5345 or Jim Anthony, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., at: (314) 977-2956.

Indiana: For information on the Indiana Chapter or pending activities, contact: Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at (219) 356-8424.

Iowa: The chapter will participate in the Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show to be held from Jan. 29 to 31, 2001, at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines, Iowa. The Sports Turf Workshop and the Low Budget Sports Field Workshop both run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 29. The Jan. 30 General Session features Keynote Speaker Dan Gable, The University of Iowa's all-time winningest wrestling coach. The afternoon sports turf section runs from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The ISTMA Annual Membership Meeting and Election will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 30. The sports turf section on Jan. 31 runs from 8 to 11:30 a.m. A professional development concurrent session is offered from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. featuring Dr. Mark Redmond of Iowa State University addressing, "Team Building: making it work for you!" For information on the Iowa Chapter or upcoming activities, contact: Lori Westrum at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone) or (515) 232-8228 (fax), or e-mail: Lori@iowaturfgrass.org.

KAFMO: The 5th Annual KAFMO Athletic Field Conference will be held in Grantville, Pa., on Feb. 9, 2001.
Super Educational Sessions - Group Sessions and Four Choices in Each Concurrent Session
Two Sessions with Your Choice of One of Six 2-Hour Workshops
Round-Table Discussions

Super Indoor Trade Show & Exhibition
Share an evening reception with exhibitors in the exhibit hall - followed by a second opportunity to view exhibits and connect with suppliers the next day

Super Welcome Reception and Networking Opportunities
Super Pre-Banquet Reception, Banquet and Annual Awards Program
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Optional Events - Something for Everyone!
Wednesday Seminar on Wheels to Tampa area sports venues
Wednesday Workshop with Floyd Perry
Wednesday Golf Outing
Wednesday Late Afternoon "Category" Sessions
Sunday Seminar on Wheels to Tampa area sports venues
Sunday Wheels Tour to Tampa attractions
AND MORE...

WANT TO KNOW MORE? Call STMA Headquarters at 800/323-3875
The event will feature Boyd Montgomery of the Sylvania (Ohio) Recreation Department, along with seminars by KAFMO members, the annual awards ceremony and vendor exhibits. For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at (610) 375-8469, extension 212 or via the chapter e-mail address: kafmo@aol.com.

MAFMO: For information on the MAFMO Chapter or pending activities, contact the Hotline: (410) 290-5652.

Michigan: For information on the chapter or other pending events, contact: Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools, at (616) 738-6974 or click on your computer to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's NEW Web site.

Mid-South: For information on the Mid-South Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Robert Bodi at TURF419@aol.com or Jim Calhoun at (901) 755-1305.

Midwest: For information on the Midwest Chapter or pending activities, call: The Chapter Hotline (847) 622-3517.

Minnesota: For information on the Minnesota Chapter or other upcoming events, contact: Ron Werner at (507) 634-1176.

North Texas: For information on the North Texas Chapter or pending activities, contact: Rene Asprion, Diamond Pro, at (800) 228-2987 or Dr. James McAfee, Texas A & M University, at (972) 952-9220, or log onto www.ntstma.org to check out the Web site.

Northern California: For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter or pending events, contact Janet Gift at (530) 758-4200.

Ohio: The Ohio Chapter and Profile Products present the OSTMA 2000 Field of the Year Awards. These awards recognize outstanding efforts in maximizing athletic performance and safety for their respective facilities. And the winners are:

- **Parks and Recreation**
  - Softball/Baseball Facility: Carter Park, City of Bowling Green - Tim Stubbs, Grounds Maintenance Director; Professional Baseball: Cooper Stadium, Columbus Clippers - Jeff Limburg, Head Groundskeeper; Professional Soccer: Crew Soccer Stadium, Columbus Crew - Darian Daily, Head Groundskeeper; High School Baseball: Birmingham Public Schools - Rob Carson, Turfgrass Specialist; and Outdoor Recreational Sports Complex: Fred Beekman Park, Ohio State University - John Mott, Superintendent Intramural Fields.

OSTMA's 2000 President's Award was issued to Karen Zelinko of Athletic Field Services in recognition for her outstanding effort in the sports turf industry and the OSTMA. OSTMA's Commercial Affiliate of 2000 was Covermaster Inc. OSTMA awarded two $500 educational scholarships. Recipients were Miles Rush and Marc Mayer, both students at Ohio State University. Recipient of the OSTMA $500 conference scholarship was Ryce Davis, Sr., Assistant Groundskeeper for Columbus Crew Stadium.

The 2001 officers elected to serve 2 year terms are: President - Darian Daily, Columbus Crew; Immediate Past President - Boyd Montgomery, Sylvania Recreation; Vice President - Jeff Limburg, Columbus Clippers, Vice President Commercial - Karen Zelinko, Athletic Field Services; Secretary - Dave Conover, The Andersons; and Treasurer - Brian Gimbel, Ohio State University. Board Members with terms ending December 31, 2001 are: Pam Sherratt, Ohio State University and Bob Nepper, City of Fremont. Board Members with terms ending December 31, 2002 are: Dr. David Gardner, Ohio State University; Duane Smith, Baldwin Wallace College; and Matt Miller, North Coast Distribution.

For information on the OSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Joe Zelinko at (800) 897-9714 or Boyd Montgomery at (419) 885-1982 extension 50, or click on your computer to www.glstma.org to visit the chapter's Web site.

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**Nebraska:** For information on the forming chapter or upcoming events, contact: Gregg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at (308) 385-5426.


The Athletic Fields and Parks morning session runs from 10 a.m. until noon on Dec. 14. On the program are: Tim Moore, secretary of the national Sports Turf Managers Association and park manager for the National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, Wheaton, MD, presenting “STMA Chapter Foundation and the Certified Sports Field Manager Program” and “Effective Maintenance Programs for Sports Fields;” and Dr. Richard Buckley, coordinator, Plant Diagnostic Lab, Rutgers University presenting “Diagnosis of Pest Problems.”

The afternoon session runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Speakers include: Eugene Mayer, consultant, Columbus Clippers, Marysville, Ohio, addressing, “Developing a Fertilizing and Liming Program for Sports Fields;” Ann Waters, director of Outreach, DEP Representative, giving an “Update on Pesticide Regulations;” Ray Cipperly, head groundskeeper, Somerset N.J. Patriots addressing “Keeping Infields in Playable Condition;” and Dr. Henry Indyk, Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University, speaking on “Procedures for Turfgrass Establishment.” For information on this event, the forming chapter or other upcoming events, contact: Jim Gavigan, Lesco, at (732) 248-8979 or Eleanora Murfitt, Director, Township of Clinton Parks & Recreation Department, at (908) 735-5999.

**New York:** A chapter is forming in Central New York. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Interested? Want more information? Contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, via e-mail at Kevin@wpe.com or by phone at (607) 432-2953.

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**Wisconsin:** Wisconsin sports turf managers are encouraged to attend the Winter Expo in Madison, Wis., on Jan. 9 and 10, 2001. Speakers from across the U.S. will be featured. The program includes three concurrent session related to the sports turf industry. For registration information, contact Audra at (608) 845-6536. The WSTMA board will be meeting in December to discuss the 2001 season. Topics for discussion will include locations for the 2001 Chapter meetings and elections for the 2001 Board. If you are interested in hosting a chapter meeting or in running for the board, please contact Rich Riggs at the phone number listed below. 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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**Southern California:** For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, contact: Ron Kirkpatrick at (858) 438-1755.

**Tennessee Valley:** For information on the TVSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc. at (931) 380-0023 or (800) 837-8062.