Many pitched in to make the event a success. As the date drew nearer, STMA Headquarters became the central contact point. Mike Trigg and Mike Pavelich of the Waukegan Chapter and Midwest Chapter developed the brochure. Terry Updike connected with Dr. Clark Throssell, assistant professor of Agronomy with Purdue University, who agreed to assist with the educational program. Updike also made the lunch arrangements and arranged and sponsored the afternoon break. Getz agreed to conduct the on-field tours of the Notre Dame Football Stadium, Loftus Sports Center, Eck Baseball Stadium and the Ivy Softball Complex and coordinated the event with the University. Getz also made the arrangements for the morning continental breakfast and morning coffee break, co-sponsored by Kenney Outdoor Solutions and the Toro Company. All the organizers spent phone time contacting potential attendees. Baker arranged the Multi-Chapter group transportation and Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, arranged the Ohio Chapter group transportation.

After registration and the opportunity to meet and network, the group moved into the University of Notre Dame's football media center. It's located within the Football Stadium and is a familiar site due to the televised post-game player and coach interviews. Terry Updike opened the morning sessions with a welcome to attendees. Next, Rich Moffitt gave an update on STMA. Tim Moore then gave a presentation on "Baseball Infields—Build Them for Optimum Playability and Easy Maintenance," an issue of daily concern in his position as ballfield coordinator of the Maryland National Capital Parks & Planning Commission.

STMA Executive Director Steve Trusty gave an update on the Certification program. Dr. Throssell wrapped up the morning program with a presentation on "Species and Seed Decisions for Athletic Fields."

The group then moved to Stadium Press Box to enjoy a great lunch while overlooking the football field. Following lunch, Getz gave a brief overview of the fields to be toured and then led attendees down to the football field for an in-depth discussion. As the group walked from venue to venue, Getz first outlined the field's construction and development and pointed out key areas of the maintenance program. He then invited questions and comments. Dr. Throssell also assisted in this interactive, in-depth, on-field discussion. Many took advantage of the photo opportunities at midfield of the football stadium and in the football locker room. While a good time was had by all, as always at STMA meetings, the opportunity to learn, discuss problems and solutions, share ideas and network was the true heart of the program. Plans are already underway for next year's multi-Chapter meeting.

Chapter News

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

Arizona: The City of Peoria, Arizona, will host the Arizona Chapter Athletic Field Maintenance Workshop on Sept. 15. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with the program hours 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information on this event or builders of aesthetic, safe and maintainable sports fields.
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to arrange for vendor space, contact: Chris Calcaterra, Baseball Maintenance Supervisor, at (602) 412-4226. For information on the chapter or 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.

Wisconsin: The chapter will meet at Rice Lake High School on Sept. 15. Registration opens at 8 a.m. The morning session begins at 8:30 for a review of the Rice Lake fields. The lunch break is from 11 to noon at Turtleback Golf Course. This is followed by a golf outing at the course from noon to 5. Evening events begin at 6 at the Rice High School Football Field with a pre-game band concert. Kickoff time for the game is 7:30 p.m. For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter or pending events, contact: Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates, Inc. at (715) 341-2633.

Minnesota: The chapter's Fall Workshop is planned for Sept. 20. For information on this Workshop, the Minnesota Chapter or other upcoming events, contact: Ron Werner at (507) 634-1176.

Florida Chapter #1: The chapter and the Florida Recreation and Parks Association will hold their joint annual Turf Rodeo on Sept. 21 at Delray Beach. The Chapter also will meet on Oct. 17 at the University of Miami. The educational focus of this meeting is Soils and Fertility. For information on the Florida Chapter or pending activities, contact: John Mascaro at (954) 341-3115.

Ohio: REMINDER: The deadline for OSTMA field of the year awards and scholarship applications is October 1. For information on the OSTMA Chapter, the Chapter's Field of the Year Program, 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.

Southern California: The SO-CAL Chapter will meet on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Filippi's at 9969 Mira Mesa Blvd. in San Diego. For more information on the chapter or pending activities, contact: The Chapter Hotline: (1-888) 578-STMA (toll free in Southern California).

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Iowa: The Iowa Chapter features a home run lineup for the Oct. 11 meeting at Omaha, Nebraska’s Rosenblatt Stadium. This will be a joint meeting with the newly forming Nebraska STMA Chapter. Events begin with 8 a.m. with registration and wrap up at 3 p.m. Rosenblatt Stadium Manager Jesse Cuevas will host this baseball workshop on the field that is the home of the NCAA Division I College World Series and of the Omaha Golden Spikes, affiliate of the Kansas City Royals. Morning sessions include: “Bermudagrass as an Alternative for Athletic Fields,” presented by Dr. Roch Gaussoin from the University of Nebraska; “Putting Your Field to Bed so it Wakes Up Happy,” by Dr. Dave Minner from Iowa State University; and a DTN Weather Station review. Following lunch, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in each of the following four breakout sessions: “Construction Projects,” presented by Dr. Gaussoin; “Infield—Skinned Areas & Homemade Drags,” presented by Jesse Cuevas; “Clay Area Maintenance & Repairs,” presented by Trevor Vance, Head Groundskeeper for the Kansas City Royals at Kauffman Stadium; and “Field Assessment & Troubleshooting—Walking Tour,” presented by Dr. Minner. For information on this event, contact STMA Headquarters at 800/323-2875, the Iowa Chapter or the Nebraska Chapter. 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@iowasturfgrass.org.

Northern California: The Nor-Cal Chapter is planning their annual Fall Seminar for early October in Santa Cruz at a facility associated with the University of California-Santa Cruz. Details are yet to be finalized, but the event will take place on a Monday or a Friday to allow participants to combine the meeting with a weekend family outing on the beautiful Santa Cruz beaches. Dennis Suit is chair for the event. For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter or pending events, contact Janet Gift at 530/758-4200.

Midwest Chapter: The Midwest Chapter is planning an October Workshop. Details will be announced soon. For information on the Midwest Chapter or pending activities, call: The Chapter Hotline (847) 622-3517.

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Gateway: For information on upcoming events or on the chapter, contact: 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.

Keystone: For information on the KAFMO 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Chapters On The Grow

Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas: MO-KAN is planning a September meeting at Liberty School District. Events will focus on maintenance of cool season turfgrass football and soccer fields. Included in the program will be the opportunity to gain hands on experience in logo painting techniques. The date and further details will be announced soon. For information on MO-KAN STMA, the newly forming Chapter, or on upcoming events, contact: Trevor Vance at 816/504-4271; Gary Custis at 816/460-6215; Jay Sutton at 816/795-8873, or Jody Gill at 913/681-4121.

Nebraska: The newly forming Nebraska Chapter will join the Iowa Chapter for a joint meeting at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska, on Oct 11 (See Iowa Chapter block for details). For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact: Gregg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at (308) 385-5426.

South Texas: A chapter is developing in South Texas. For information on the newly forming chapter or upcoming events, contact: Tom McAfee, Nelson Wolfe Municipal Stadium, San Antonio, at (210) 207-3754.

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@wäpe.com or by phone at (607) 432-2953.

New Jersey: For information on the forming chapter or upcoming events, contact: Jim Gavigan, Lesco, at (732) 248-8979 or Eleanora Murfitt, Director, Township of Clinton Parks & Recreation Department, at (908) 735-5999.