

Chapters in Action

Chapter Officers Training Session Draws a Crowd

As the February issue of *sportsTURF* is being prepared for printing, Sports Turf Managers Association Chapters all across the country are springing to action.

At least thirteen of the nationally affiliated chapters and five chapters in various stages of moving toward affiliation had indicated they would have representation at the Chapter Officers Training Session (COTS) scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m. on Jan. 16, in conjunction with the STMA Annual Conference in Tampa, Fla.

COTS brings together both chapter officers and chapter committee chairs for an informal get together filled with networking and idea sharing. This open and friendly sharing of information is a great way to find out what other chapters are doing, pick up some super ideas for future chapter meetings and even bring up a problem or concern for group brainstorming.

On behalf of all the chapters and forming chapters, we issue a big THANK YOU to the year 2000 Chapter Sponsors: Gold Level—John Deere and Novartis (Newly named Syngenta) and Pro's Choice; and Silver Level—Alpine Services and Hunter Industries. Their yearlong financial support includes the funding of the COTS meeting.

In addition to COTS participation, many of the STMA chapters either have played or will be playing a significant role in sports turf management sessions, workshops or multi-day programs at state and regional turfgrass conferences.

If you're a member of an STMA chapter please make it a point to thank your leadership team for all they do. If you're one of those leaders, pass along a thank you to those who prefer to help out behind the scenes.

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Chapter News

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If you're not a member of an STMA Chapter, but would like to be, please contact STMA Headquarters by phone toll free at (800) 323-3875 or by email at: sportsTMgr@aol.com.

Chapter News

Arizona: The Arizona Chapter is planning February workshops with Little League and high school coaches. The chapter's Spring Kick Off Meeting will be held on Friday, April 20, in the Phoenix area. More details on these events will be announced soon. 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 Chapter: For information on upcoming events or on the chapter, contact: Mark Jennings at 314-983-5345 or Jim Anthony, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, at: 314-977-2956.

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

Iowa: The ISTMA President for 2001 is Brad Vermeer of the City of Sioux Center. Lori Westrum will continue to serve as Executive Director. Committee Chairs for 2001 are as follows: Awards Chair—Kevin Vos of the City of Muscatine; Membership Chair—Bill Perry, CGCS, of the City of Ottumwa; Newsletter Chair—Mike Andresen, CSFM, of Iowa State University; and Workshop Chair—Ken Trytek.

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.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO):

The chapter will participate in the Western Pennsylvania Turf School and Trade Show, Feb. 27 to March 1, 2001, in Monroeville, and the Northwest Pennsylvania Athletic Field Turf & Ornamentals Conference on March 20 in Meadville.

Results of the Chapter's election of officers are as follows: Dan Douglas, President; Devin Yeiser, Vice President; Jim Welshans, Treasurer; and Nancy Bosold, Secretary. Board Members are: Stan Weaver of Upper Dauphin School District and Tim Spangler of Central Dauphin School District representing Public/Private Schools; Neale Magill of Hampden Township and Chris Lessig of Manheim Township representing Recreation and Parks; Don Fowler, retired County Extension Agent and Jim Welshans of Extension Agent for Dauphin County representing Education/Extension; Kevin Yeiser of Lebanon Valley College and Wayne Schlosser of Allegheny College representing Colleges/Universities; Steve LeGros of Hersheypark Stadium and Dan Douglas of the Reading Phillies representing Professional Sports Facilities; Rich Valentine of Valentine and Sons and Kurt Nilsson of Diamond Pro as Commercial representatives and Nancy Bosold of Penn State Extension and Jeff Fowler of Penn State Extension as Board Members at Large. Jeff Fowler will serve as Newsletter Chair; Chris Lessig as Scholarship Chair; Steve LeGros as Awards Chair; and Rich Valentine as Education Chair.

The Chapter's Field of Distinction Award went to the Pequea Valley High School Soccer Field. The other two finalists were: The South Fayette High School football/soccer field and The Derry Township/Hershey field hockey field.

The Chapter awarded three \$500 scholarships. Recipients are Matt Slingerland, John Fox and Ryan

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

South Texas: For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact: Tom McAfee, Nelson Wolff Municipal Stadium, San Antonio, at 210-207-3754.

Southern California: For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, contact: Ron Kirkpatrick at 858-438-1755.

Tennessee Valley: TVSTMA announces the 2001 Officers: Bill Marbet, President; Stan Thomas, President Elect; Bob Elliott, Commercial Vice President; and Bob Hogan, Secretary/Treasurer. Executive Board members are: Tom Samples, University of Tennessee; Bill Randalls, Vanderbilt University; Bobby Campbell, University of Tennessee; Terry Porch, Tennessee Titans; and A J Powell, University of Kentucky. Erin Kinny or Brentwood Parks

and Recreation, will serve as Membership Committee Chair; Marty Kaufman of the Tennessee Titans is Programs Chair; and Bo Henley of Southern Athletic Fields is Publicity Chair.

Plans are underway for a March meeting to be held at MTSU in Murfreesboro, Tenn. More details will be announced soon. For information on the TVSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc. at 931-380-0023 or 800-837-8062.

Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Chapter's 2001 Board of Directors are: Richard Miller, President; Rich Riggs, Past President; Chris Wendorf, Vice President, Commercial; Mike Meyers, Vice President; Chris Brinkley, Secretary; Tom Schwab, Treasurer; and Board Members: Mike Giruan, Paul Buchholz, John Stier, Roy Zehren and Bob Koca. For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter or pending events, contact: Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates, Inc. at 715-341-2633.

Chapters On The Grow

The Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association is an active chapter with paperwork in process for affiliation as this issue is going to print. For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact: Chapter President, Tim Swaim of Landscape Supply, Inc., Richmond, by phone: 804-675-3050 or via e-mail: cardscowboys@cs.com.

Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas: 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; or Jody Gill at 913-681-4121.

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

New Jersey: For information on The Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey 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.

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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