

# president's message

## Moving toward an even brighter future

**A**fter wrapping up the successful 2002 STMA Conference in Las Vegas, I'd like to again express my thanks to all of the vendors and members for their terrific support. Now we look to San Antonio, TX, for our next conference which is shaping up to be a tremendous show. The dates are January 15-19, 2003. Our headquarters hotel is the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk. Our exhibition site is the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. I spoke with many of you in Vegas about the conference and how to make next year's program even better. I appreciate the feedback.

Speaking of feedback, I heard from many of you about this magazine. Both good and bad comments were taken to the Board for review and advisement. Obviously, we hope the new style and layout will be a positive concept for our sponsors and readers. Adams Business Media is working closely with the staff and the Board to determine how we can continue to improve the publication for everyone based on the comments received about the previous issues. We thank you for your input and your patience!

The 2002 STMA Board is in place. (See election results on page 62.)

For those who were unable to attend the Las Vegas Conference, please welcome our new Board members: Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, director of facilities and maintenance for the Sylvania (Ohio) Recreation Corp., who represents the members serving in Parks and Recreation positions, and Vickie Wallace, technical agronomist for Turf-Seed, Inc., who represents our Commercial members.

Thanks go to Rich Moffitt for leading our organization as President during the past 2 years. Also, please join me in thanking outgoing Board members, Steve Guise, director of business development for Marina Landscape, Inc., and Lynda Wightman, national specifications manager for Hunter Industries, for their years of service on the Board.

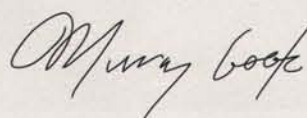
The STMA website is growing with tremendous content and interactive discussions for anyone who

needs information. What I find exciting is the ability to post information or questions you may have for general discussion. Take a minute and link up to [www.sportsturfmanager.com](http://www.sportsturfmanager.com).

At the annual Board meeting we appointed chairs for the following committees:

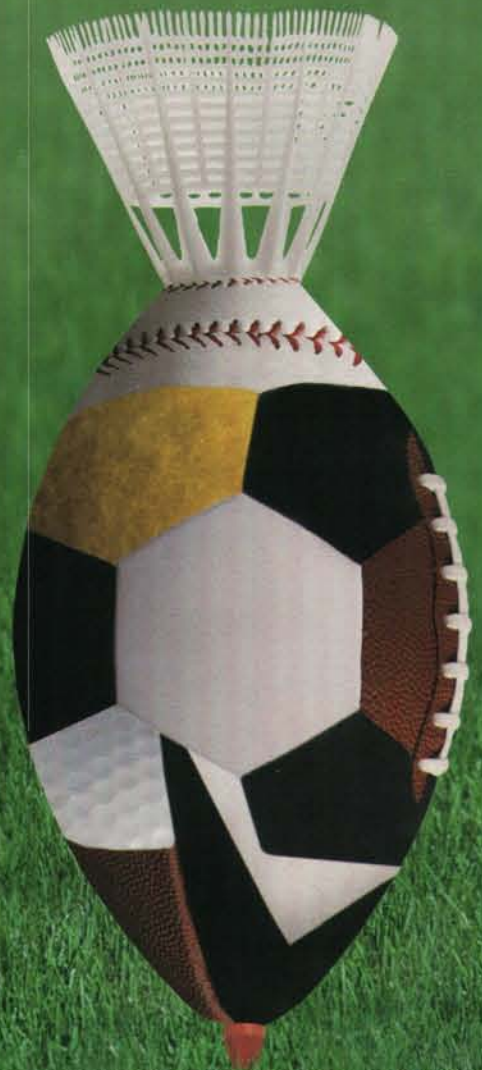
- Mike Andresen, CSFM, Membership Chair
- Dr. Tony Koski, Education Chair
- Vickie Wallace, Marketing Chair
- Abby McNeal, CSFM, Chapter Relations Committee Chair, and Dave Rulli, Board Liaison
- Dale Getz, CSFM, Certification Committee Chair
- Mike Trigg, CSFM, Networking Committee Chair
- Mike DePew and Mark Razum, Technical Committee Co-Chairs
- Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, Web Site Committee Chair
- Tim Moore, CSFM, Finance and Audit Committee Chair
- Bob Campbell, CSFM, Strategic Planning Committee Chair
- Tim Moore, CSFM, Awards Committee Chair
- Bob Campbell, CSFM, Conference Committee Chair, with Dr. Tony Koski, Conference Education Subcommittee Chair, and Monty Montague, Conference Exhibition Subcommittee Chair
- Rich Moffitt, Nominations Committee Chair, Bylaws Committee Chair, and Past Presidents Committee Chair

We would love to hear from you about issues or ideas on how we can grow our organization and our industry and move forward with the initiatives of the STMA Strategic Plan. Working together, our future will be even brighter!



**Murray Cook,**  
STMA President

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