

STMA Conference Wrap-up

Founders Awards

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) issued Awards of special recognition during its 14th Annual Conference and Exhibition held January 15-19, in San Antonio. STMA's four Founders Awards are issued in the names of STMA Founders Dick Ericson, George Toma, Dr. William H. Daniel, and Harry Gill, and are the highest awards issued by the association.

The 2002 Dick Ericson Award was presented to Eric Adkins, CSFM, Athletic Turf Manager for Michigan State University, East Lansing.

The recipient of the 2002 George Toma Golden Rake Award was Jesse Cuevas, Stadium Superintendent for Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha, NE.

The recipient of the 2002 Dr. William H. Daniel Award was David M. Gilstrap, coordinator of the 2-year program in Sports and Commercial Turf Management at Michigan State University's Institute of Agricultural Technology in East Lansing.

The recipient of the 2002 Harry C. Gill Memorial Award was Ross Kurcab, CSFM, Turf Manager for Invesco Field at Mile High, Denver.

President's Awards

The STMA President's Awards recognize an individual's commitment and dedication to the goals and objectives of the Association. During the Awards Banquet, two President's Awards were presented.

The first recipient was Mr. Tom Curran, Grounds Supervisor for the City of Pompano Beach, FL. The Award was inscribed, "To Tom Curran in grateful recognition for your continued dedication and commitment to the Sports Turf Managers Association."

The second recipient was Ms. Lynda Wightman, National Specifications Manager for Hunter Industries. The Award was inscribed, "To Lynda Wightman in grateful recognition for your continued

dedication and commitment to STMA's Growth and Mission."

Board of Directors

The STMA announced its 2003 officers and board of directors at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Conference in San Antonio.

Moving from President Elect into the position of President was Bob Campbell, CSFM*, Director of Grounds and Maintenance for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. Elected to 1-year officer positions were: Mike Trigg, CSFM, Superintendent of Parks for the Waukegan Park District, Waukegan, IL, who will serve as President Elect, and Mike Andresen, CSFM, Athletic Turf Manager for Iowa State University, Ames, IA, who will serve as Secretary.

Re-elected to their second 1-year terms were: Monty Montague, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for GreenOne Industries, Inc., Zionsville, IN - Vice President (Commercial), and Tim Moore, CSFM, Sports Field Director for The Brickman Group, Ltd., Columbia, MD - Treasurer.

Elected to 2-year board positions were: Abby McNeal, CSFM, Assistant Turfgrass Manager for INVESCO Field at Mile High, Denver, CO, who will serve as director representing sports turf managers of facilities used by

Professional teams, and George C. Trivett, CSFM, Athletic Director and Teacher for Granite Falls Middle School, Granite Falls, NC, who will serve as director representing sports turf managers of other school facilities. Re-elected to a 2-year board position was: Vickie Wallace, Northeast/Technical Agronomist for Turf-Seed, Inc., Exeter, RI, director representing Commercial members.

Continuing on the Board in the second year of their 2-year director positions are: Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, Facilities and Maintenance Director for Sylvania Recreation Corporation, Sylvania, OH, representing sports turf managers of Parks and Recreation facilities and Dr. Tony Koski,



Extension Turfgrass Specialist and Professor for Colorado State University, Fort Collins, representing those in Research, Extension and Teaching positions.

Eric Adkins, CSFM, Athletic Turf Manager for Michigan State University, East Lansing, was appointed by President Campbell to fill the remaining year of the 2-year term representing sports turf managers of College & University facilities which was vacated when Andresen was elected as Secretary.

Murray Cook, President of SPORTSTurf Services, Columbia, MD, will serve in the Board position of Immediate Past President.

STMA is a not-for-profit international association of more than 2,700 sports turf professionals from schools, colleges and universities, parks and recreation and municipal facilities, and professional stadiums; from educational institutions and from commercial affiliates who unite in promoting better and safer sports turf areas. The association and its affiliated chapters collect and disseminate scientific, educational and practical knowledge on the science of growing turfgrasses and the art of maintaining both natural and artificial athletic field materials to produce safe and aesthetically pleasing playing surfaces.

For more information on STMA and its goals and objectives, please contact STMA Executive Director Steve Trusty at 712-322-STMA or 800-323-3875, fax 712-366-9119, or e-mail STMAHQ@st.omhcoxmail.com. Visit STMA's website at: www.sportsturfmanager.com.

Commercial recognition

Recipient of the Outstanding Commercial Affiliate Award for 2002 was Hunter Industries.

The Award was presented to Hunter Industries in recognition of the company's long-standing and continuing support of STMA. The company is a long-term advertising supporter of STMA's publications; helps support the annual Conference; and is a Silver-Level Chapter Sponsor and a Sponsor of the STMA Awards Program. In addition, Hunter Industries continues to promote professionalism within the sports turf industry through educational outreach and training programs and the participation of company personnel in the educational sessions of local, regional and national conferences. **ST**

**The CSFM designation acknowledges the individual has attained Certified Sports Field Manager status through the rigorous Certification program developed and administered by STMA*

San Diego to host 2004 STMA Conference

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) will hold its 15th Annual Conference and Exhibition at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego, January 21-25, 2004.

Plans are underway to maintain the best features of past conferences while providing new and exciting additions to take advantage of the unique attractions offered by the San Diego setting. Included on the program will be outstanding educational sessions, round-table discussions, workshops, optional tours of area sports facilities, an opportunity for a baseball maintenance seminar, the SAFE Foundation Golf Tournament, and an outstanding trade show focused exclusively on the goods and services needed by sports turf managers.

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