The Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association held a 2-day irrigation workshop June 17-18 at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati. Attendees had a great opportunity to learn about irrigation inside and out.

Dr. Ed McCoy from Ohio State kicked off the event with a detailed explanation on how soils effect and interact with moisture. He demonstrated his new software that allows him to time lapse the infiltration and saturation of different soil mediums.

Lynda Wightman from Hunter Industries then explained the basic principals in irrigation and system workings. Mike Myers, also with Hunter, spoke on efficiencies and the more detailed aspects of operating a system.

The day concluded with Bengals’ head sports turf manager Darian Daily giving the participants a tour of the stadium and explaining the process of the new FieldTurf system that is being installed at the facility. When we walked out onto the field, we saw temperature readings shoot from 101 degrees to 137 degrees within minutes once the sun popped out. This is even before they had the infill material in the carpet.

The second day began with Jeff Emgbroff of Hunter Industries speaking on the design aspects of irrigation systems. The group was then split up into three groups that rotated around to three different stations. The three topics we covered were irrigation head troubleshooting, controller troubleshooting, and valve troubleshooting.

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STMA seeking Board nominees
The Sports Turf Managers Association’s Nominations Committee is seeking individuals who are interested in serving on the STMA board in the following categories: Sports Turf Managers of facilities used by professional teams; Sports Turf Managers of the facilities of schools other than colleges and universities (elementary, middle schools, high schools or junior colleges); and STMA Commercial members.

The STMA board meets four times a year and board members are asked to chair or serve on one or more committees.

Direct nominations and questions to STMAHQ@st.omhcoxmail.com, 800/323-3875.

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Teddy Roosevelt