

New Space, New Faces at Headquarters

Although there are still many boxes to unpack and review, we are settled and would like to introduce our new location and ourselves to you.

The STMA headquarters moved October 1 to its new location at 805 New Hampshire, Suite E, Lawrence, KS 66044. The move from Council Bluffs, IA, involved transporting 8,500 pounds of files, printed materials, and association history. Although the move took place during that day, the headquarters was up and running with phone service and staff at 8:00 AM October 1.

Our offices are located in the oldest existing warehouse in the state of Kansas. The original stone and wood structure was built in 1857 and was among the carnage of burned and destroyed homes and businesses from the infamous Quantrill's Raid of Lawrence during the Kansas/Missouri border wars.

As the town of Lawrence rebuilt, this was one of the first buildings to be restored. In addition to being a general store, the location was also the long-time home of The Barteldes Seed Co. Friedo Barteldes, the proprietor of a small bakery, decided to add a new line to his business. So he bought a few large sacks of garden seeds, and in his spare time, weighed them out into small sacks that were then displayed next to his bread counter. That was the beginning of the Barteldes Seed Co. In 1875, his nephew took over and established the Kansas Seed House that thrived here until 1962.

In 1998, local investors made the commitment to rehabilitate the historical downtown building. The top two floors of the three-story building were converted to office space. STMA is located on the second floor, with natural stone walls and exposed ceiling beams and ceiling rafters. The building also houses a real estate agency, an architectural firm, and an advertising agency.

Our staff includes Erica Spurling, manager of finance and operations; Leah Craig, manager of member programs; and Kim Heck, chief executive officer. All three come to STMA from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Spurling worked in the Finance and Member Solutions department at GCSAA as the coordinator for accounts payable and accounts receivable. She was also responsible for exhibitor and attendee registration at the GCSAA annual conference and show. She has 12 years of accounting background is looking forward to meeting and working with the STMA members. She and her husband, Eric, have three children, Adam, Shawn, and Emily.

Craig has five years of association experience in member programs, career development, and market research. Before her employment with GCSAA, she was responsible for researching student loan application denials for the federal government, and is also experienced in retail sales. She and her husband, Chris, have one son, Logan.

Heck has 10 years of experience in all facets of association management. At GCSAA she created the career development and student services areas and oversaw the scholarship function. She also participated on the membership growth team, conference and show team, and headed up the brand strategy and market research division. Before GCSAA she was heavily involved in marketing engineering and environmental services. Her background includes advertising agency work and several years in the cellular technology industry. She is involved in the Lawrence community where she serves on several boards and committees. Heck has three children, Jessica, Madeline, and Andrew.



Left to right: Kim Heck, Leah Craig, and Erica Spurling, the new STMA Headquarters staff in Lawrence, KS.

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Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:

Our final show this year was in Yuma on Thursday, December 2, 2004 at the Yuma Civic Center. The Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, December 1st. Our program included topics on the following: Aeration principles (Dr. David Kopeck), Playground Safety (LandscapeStructures), Seven Deadly Sins of Tree Care (Tina Mckeand, City of Yuma arborist), and Selecting the Right Sprinkler (Nate Gould/Hunter). They were followed by a round table discussion on topics affecting our sports turf members. For more information on the show contact: Larry Munoz at 928/373-5221 or Joel Hubbard at 928/373-5227. For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra at 623/412-4231 or by e-mail at chrisc@peoriaaz.com or Bill Murphy at 480/312-7956 or by e-mail at bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the Chapter or other pending activities, call the Hotline at 866/818-8873 or e-mail Nick Gammill, CSFM, at ngammill@american.edu.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website at www.CSTMA.org or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303/346-8954, or contact Chapter President Ryan Jensen at 303/464-5687 or rjensen@ci.broomfield.co.us.

Florida Chapter #1: The Chapter is offering two upcoming regional seminars, they are: January 18, 2005 the FTGA Palm Beach Regional Seminar in Lake Worth, FL and on January 19, 2005 the FTGA

Miami-Ft. Lauderdale Regional Seminar at Pro-Player Stadium in Miami, FL. For information, contact John Mascaro at 954/341-3115 or STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: On December 15, the Chapter will be hosting their annual, year-end meeting banquet. For information on the Gateway Chapter or upcoming events, call Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College at 314/392-2328 or e-mail krone@mobap.edu.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Skip Kirby at 770/928-1580 or e-mail skip@sportsturfmanagement.com.

The Greater L.A. Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter

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announces the incoming 2005 Executive Board: President, Emilio Avalos, President Elect, Carol Gundlach, Commercial VP, Paul Webb, Secretary, Bill Rudometkin, and Treasurer, Tim Isles. For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Eric Johnson, USC at 213/821-5654 or ejohnson@busaff.usc.edu.

Indiana Chapter: For information, contact Stan Moscrip, Indiana University at 812/856-2256 or smoscrip@indiana.edu.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers

Association: Mark your calendars now for the Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Show, January 31, February 1&2, 2005 at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines. For information on the Chapter or upcoming activities, contact Jeff Wendel of The Turf Office at 515/232-8222 or fax 515/232-8228 or e-mail Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers

Organization (KAFMO/STMA): The 9th Annual KAFMO/PRPS Athletic Field Conference will be held Friday, February 18, 2005 at the Holiday Inn - Grantville. Topics to be discussed include grassy weeds, mushroom soil, aeration, worn areas and limited resources. John Mascaro of Turf-Tec International is the featured speaker. There will be vendor exhibits along with "Field of Distinction" and scholarship presentations. For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, email KAFMO@aol.com or call Dan Douglas at 610/375-8469 ext. 212.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Kentucky Chapter's Board members met and determined the dates of their 2005 meetings, they are as follows: February 21-25, The KTC Short Course at the Executive Inn in Louisville- the Sports Turf Workshop will be held on the 23rd. June 30, UK Research Field Day at Spindletop Farm in Lexington, July 28-29, KySTMA Summer Workshop at the University of Louisville, and November 2005, KTC Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Bowling Green. For more information, check out the website at www.kystma.org or contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Donnie Mefford at dbmeff00@email.uky.edu or call him at 859/257-1451.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association

(MiSTMA): For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact MiSTMA Headquarters at 517/712-3407 or e-mail Amy Fouty, Michigan State University at fouty@ath.msu.edu or go to www.mistma.org to visit the Chapter's website.

Midwest Chapter STMA: The Chapter participated in the Illinois Professional Turf Conference (IPTC) Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2004. The Chapter sponsored a breakfast meeting for its members at the conference the morning of Nov 30. Following the breakfast there were sports turf educational sessions, lunch on the tradeshow floor, and a keynote address by Pat Hughes, radio voice of the Chicago Cubs. New

to the conference sessions this year was Pesticide Applicator Training & Testing plus Chainsaw Training & Safety Certification, in Spanish and English! For more information visit the Chapter's website at <http://mcstma.org/> or call Libby Baker at 847/263-7603 or e-mail Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: For information contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary in St. Paul at 651/638-6075 or by e-mail at j-hintz@bethel.edu, or check out www.mstma.com.



MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information call Mike Green at 913/888-8055 or e-mail mgreen865@earthlink.net.

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For information call Janet Gift at 530/758-4200.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter is having our annual lunch and business meeting on December 6th at the Texas Turfgrass Institute & Trade Show to be held at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine. Topics will include annual elections and chapter plans of consolidation. For more information contact the TXSTMA office at the Phone/Fax number: 866/TXSTMA1 (866/897-8621) or e-mail T.J. Thompson, Treasurer at: TXturfmanager@prodigy.net.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, call Loren Humphrey at: 402/461-2324 or e-mail lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, call SFMANJ at 908/730-7770 or Eleanora Murfitt-Hermann at 903/236-9118 or e-mail HQ@sfmanj.org or visit www.sfmanj.org.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): On December 9 the Chapter is having its Annual Meeting & Lunch from 11:30am -1:30pm at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in conjunction with the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation show.

February 28th & March 1st - OSU & OSTMA Sports Turf Short Course Columbus Crew Stadium - cost \$210 and you can get more information and register online by visiting www.pware.com/2753. OSTMA is working on other spring and summer events for 2005 and will be announcing them shortly. We will be having a workshop with the Cleveland Browns this year and will have our Fall Field Day in September at the Intramural complex - Fred Beckman Park at OSU. For information call OSTMA Headquarters at 888/824-9805 or 419/824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, at 419/885-1982 or visit www.ostma.org.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers

Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Bob Christofferson at bchristo@mariners.org.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Chapter or pending activities, call Michael Tarantino at 858/679-2526 or e-mail: MTarantino@powayusd.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dr. Hale at 843/662-3526 ext. 206, or by e-mail at tchale@clemson.edu or visit the chapter's website at www.scstma.org.

Texas Turf Managers Association: For more information contact the TXSTMA office at the Phone/Fax number: 866/TXSTMA1 (866/897-8621) or e-mail T.J. Thompson, Treasurer, at: TXturfmanager@prodigy.net.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): The Tennessee Turfgrass Association Annual Conference & Trade Show and the TVSTMA meeting is January 4-6, 2005, at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN. For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, call Chapter President, Bob Elliott, Tieco, at 800/239-9547 or Glenn Lucas at 800/837-8062 or e-mail Glenn@tvstma.org, or visit www.tvstma.org.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter is holding their Annual Membership Meeting on January 12, 2005 during the Virginia Turfgrass Council's Conference and Marketplace. For information on the Chapter or other upcoming events, contact Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority, at Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703/324-8590.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at 715/346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

Forming Chapters:

North Florida STMA Chapter: For information on the newly forming North Florida Chapter, contact Mark Clay at 904/633-6116 or Jay McCord at 904/448-2583.