STMA Announces Committee Framework

At the STMA Spring Board of Directors meeting the committee structure was refined and discussion focused on effectiveness and desired outcomes for each committee. In addition to the 11 standing committees, 10 subcommittees were established to help facilitate and manage specific committee projects. An addition to the committee framework, the board created a Synthetic / Natural Turf Task Force, which will gather and distribute information on how to evaluate the potential use of synthetic turf versus natural turf. President Mike Trigg, CSFM also appointed a Past Presidents Council to utilize the expertise of prior association presidents.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards Committee
Purpose: To evaluate and select Field of the Year award winners and Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Managers of the Year
Chair: Steve LeGros
Board Liaison: George Trivett, CSFM
Scholarship Subcommittee
Purpose: To judge and select the winners of the SAFE scholarships
Chair: George Trivett, CSFM

Certification Committee
Purpose: To continue to improve the certification process, to promote the benefits of certification to potential CSFMs and their employers and to promote the CSFM as the ultimate in sports turf knowledge.
Co-Chairs: Lance Tibbetts, CSFM and Dale Getz, CSFM

Chapter Relations Committee
Purpose: To facilitate communications and networking opportunities among chapters and the exchange of information between chapters and STMA.
Chair: Dan Douglas, Chair and (Board Liaison to be appointed)

Communications Committee
Purpose: To guide the messaging and the communication channels for the association.
Chair: Boyd Montgomery, CSFM
Website Subcommittee
Purpose: To oversee the STMA website, coordinate the website content, and to investigate new technologies.
Chair: John Mascaro
Editorial Subcommittee
Purpose: To assist with the editorial focus of SPORTSTURF Magazine
Chair: Jeff Fowler
Publications Subcommittee
Purpose: To improve STMAIs publications
Chair: Pam Sherratt

Conference Committee
Purpose: To insure a successful annual conference and exhibition
Chair: Mike Andresen, CSFM, and Vice Chairman Craig Potts

Conference Education Subcommittee
Purpose: Develop the Educational Program for the 2006 Conference
Chair: David Minner, Ph.D.

Conference Exhibition Subcommittee
Purpose: Grow the show, maximize revenue and enhance the image of the trade show.
Co-Chairs: Vickie Wallace and Tra DuBois

Conference Tours Subcommittee
Purpose: Set up the Tour on Wheels 2006 Conference Program.
Chair: Darian Daily

Conference MLB/NFL Seminar Subcommittee
Purpose: Organize the off-site seminar securing the location, speakers and products/service partners
Co-Chairs: Darian Daily and Bob Christofferson

Conference Student Challenge Subcommittee
STMA Board Member Rodgers Resigns; President Trigg Appoints Warnick

On March 1, STMA Board Member Jimmy Rodgers, CSFM, officially resigned his Board position representing Category II - four-year Colleges and Universities. Rodgers' selection as the Sports Turf Manager for the Washington Nationals in D.C. shifts his representation from the colleges and university category to the professional category. According to the STMA Bylaws the Board of Directors must have representation from each segment of its membership, and the professional category is currently filled.

On March 8, President Mike Trigg, CSFM, appointed Jay Warnick, CSFM, Grounds Supervisor from BYU Idaho to complete Rodgers remaining term, which is through 2005. The STMA Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidates for consideration to Trigg, and in compliance with the STMA Bylaws Trigg made the appointment.

Warnick is responsible for 35 acres of athletic fields and 85 acres of grounds and hardscape for the University and manages a full-time crew of 10 and up to 75 student employees. The university also has off-campus learning sites along the Snake River that Warnick and his team maintain. Before BYU Idaho, Warnick was the Director of Fields for the Seattle Seahawks for four years, the Athletic Field Manager for the University of Utah, and the Assistant Field Manager for the Baltimore Ravens. Warnick holds a B.S. in Horticulture from Utah State University. He was instrumental in starting the STMA Pacific Northwest Chapter and is exploring establishing a Utah/Idaho/Montana chapter. Warnick is excited to serve on the STMA Board of Directors. “I am honored to be asked to serve our membership, and I look forward to volunteering my time and energy for the association,” says Warnick. His appointment is effective immediately. He has also been selected to serve as Board Liaison to the Chapter Relations Committee.

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