

Call for Board, Founders Award nominations

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the STMA Board of Directors. If you are interested in being considered for national board leadership, or wish to nominate a member, please provide the person's name, contact information, and a brief biography to STMA, 805 New Hampshire, Ste. E, Lawrence, KS 66044, Fax (800) 366-0391, or by email to STMAinfo@sportsturfmanager.org by July 7.

STMA recognizes its four founders by giving an award in each founder's name. These prestigious awards are STMA's highest honor; the awards have different criteria (see below). If you would like to nominate a deserving person, please return this form to STMA by October 16.

Dick Ericson

Awarded to someone who plans and executes the sports turf management of their facility, who effectively leads their team to accomplish their goals in field maintenance, and who positively impacts the sports turf industry. Criteria: At least 5 years of service in a sports field-related position; member of STMA; job performance and work ethic that consistently meets or exceeds expectations; management techniques that make the most of existing resources; efficient and effective personnel management; constantly improves the management program, introducing creative and innovative ideas; receptive to ideas and creative skills of others; industry professionals; supportive of and works to increase professionalism within the sports turf industry.

Dr. William H. Daniel

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the sports turf industry through his or her research, teaching or extension outreach. Their influence may be highly visible or behind-the-scenes. Criteria: Member of STMA; conducted research or developed or executed teaching/extension programs relevant to the sports turf industry; research, teaching/extension programs enhanced the understanding of the sports turf industry; research has practical implications; teaching/extension provide technical background and/or practical training; research was published in a professional journal; teaching programs channel outstanding individuals to the sports turf industry.

George Toma

The George Toma Golden Rake Awards acknowledges the superior performance of a sports turf crewmember in "on the job" activities and in community service. Criteria: Member of STMA; at least 2 years of service in a sports field-related position; job performance that consistently meets or exceeds expectations; work ethic that consistently meets or exceeds expectations; offers professional ideas and brings creative skills to the department; assists in additional non-job related sports events and activities for the community; is a true believer in the "and then some" tradition of grounds maintenance.

Harry C. Gill

The Harry C. Gill Memorial Award was established to honor an individual for their hard work in the sports turf industry and to acknowledge

their dedication to STMA. Criteria: Member of STMA; dedication for developing and maintaining quality sports turf areas; outstanding ability and commitment to the sports turf industry; professional involvement and service to the STMA on a local, regional and national level; professional leadership in promoting STMA, its members and the sports turf industry; contribution of written communications in articles, magazines, manuals, legislation and/or research. ■

FOUNDERS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please fill out the following form and submit it to STMA Headquarters, 805 New Hampshire, Ste. E, Lawrence, KS 66044, FAX 800-366-0391 by October 16.

Select the applicable Founders Award:

- Dick Ericson
- Dr. William H. Daniel
- George Toma
- Harry C. Gill

Nominee's Name _____

Facility _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Work phone _____ Home Phone _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Your Name _____

Facility _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____

How do you know the Nominee? _____

Describe how the Nominee meets or exceeds the specific award's criteria. Give examples. (You may prefer to provide this information on a separate sheet)

Thank you for your submittal. Return via mail or fax by October 16.

Answer: from page 18



This depression was caused by a fallen cement light pole as a result of Hurricane Wilma. When the hurricane hit South Florida, the Boynton Beach Little League Park was one of the many fields that fell victim to the storm. This 24-inch diameter cement light pole was not pulled from the ground but actually broken at the base, and subsequently fell on the field, crushing fencing netting and bleachers not to mention turf. The pole remained on the turf for more than 2 months until the city could find a crane company that was available to lift the poles off the field. Shortly after this photo was taken the field was rebuilt entirely with volunteer labor and funds and featured on ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" reality show that aired last March 30 as a rebuilding effort after the Hurricane season of 2005.

Thank you to Jody Rivers, Parks Manager for the City of Boynton Beach for allowing me to take these photos. ■

If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro's Photo Quiz please send it to John Mascaro, 3669 NW 124th Avenue, Coral Springs, FL 33065 or email to john@turf-tec.com. If your photograph is selected, you will receive full credit. All photos submitted will become property of SportsTurf magazine.

STMA in Action

STMA has a strong history of volunteerism and this year STMA has the highest number of volunteers involved since the association began in 1981. Some subcommittees are forming now to manage projects developed by the umbrella committee and others will be called upon later this year as needs arise.

It is STMA's goal to involve more members through committee service. To that end, STMA will be reorganizing its committee process this summer and will present its plan to the membership in the fall, with the new process in place for 2007.

2006 STMA Committees

Awards

To judge the association's awards program applicants selecting the Field of the Year winners, the Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year, and to develop strategies to enhance the programs.

Steve LeGros, Chair
Larry Berry, CSFM
Carol Gundlach, CSFM
Scott MacVicar
Chuck Pula
George Trivett, CSFM, Board Liaison
Jim Welshans

Bylaws

To develop association bylaws that are fair and enforceable, and clearly define the expectations for membership, governance processes, and board of directors service.

Ken Mrock - Chair
Michael D. Boekholder
Dale Getz, CSFM
Carol Gundlach, CSFM
Ross Kurcab, CSFM
Richard Miller

Mary Owen
Scott Pippen
James R. Rodgers, CSFM
David Rulli
David Schlotthauer
John Stier, Ph.D.
N. Grove Teates, Jr.
Jay Warnick, CSFM - Board Liaison
Steve Wightman

Certification

To develop strategies to grow the number of certified members; to consistently monitor the program and recommend enhancements to ensure that the program is the top achievement for sports turf managers.

Lance Tibbetts, CSFM - Co-chair / Board Liaison
Michael Schiller, CSFM - Co-chair
Eric Fasbender
Trent C. Hale, Ph.D.
Joe Kennedy III, CSFM
Anthony J. Koski, Ph.D.
Ross Kurcab, CSFM
Mary Owen
Rick Peruzzi, CSFM
Jesse Pritchard, CSFM
James R. Rodgers, CSFM
Waldo Terrell

Chapter Relations

To create a chapter structure that is beneficial locally and nationally; to financially assist chapters with their administrative, operations and educational efforts; to facilitate the sharing of best practices.

Dan Douglas - Chair
George Anderson
Chris Brindley
Richard Miller
Robert Studholme
Michael Tarantino
T.J. Thompson
Jay Warnick, CSFM - Board Liaison

Conference

To develop all content, sessions, workshops and off-site venues, and select speakers and moderators for the next year's conference that will make it a "must attend" event for members and nonmembers; to recommend strategies that will drive attendance to the exhibition and will add value to exhibitors.

Mike Andresen, CSFM - Chair
Andrea Dillinger
Bob Christofferson - Conference Tours subcommittee co-chair
Jeff Salmond, CSFM -

Conference Student Challenge subcommittee chair
Darian Daily - Conference Tours subcommittee co-chair
Tra DuBois - Conference Exhibition subcommittee co-chair
Dale Getz, CSFM - Conference Exhibition subcommittee co-chair
Abby L. McNeal, CSFM
David D. Minner, Ph.D. - Conference Education Chair
Craig Potts

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Andrew McNitt, Ph.D.
Grady L. Miller, Ph.D.
Floyd Perry
Craig Potts
Shawn Ray
Connie Rudolph, CSFM
Pamela Sherratt
John Sorochan, Ph.D.

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George Spillman
John Stier, Ph.D.

Editorial

To insure that the STMA *SportsTurf* magazine contains information relevant to the sports turf manager; to provide ideas and contacts for articles; to provide aesthetic recommendations; and to provide guidance on functionality and readability.
Mike Andresen, CSFM - Chair
Chris Calcaterra, CSFM
Tra DuBois
Jeff Fowler
Tom Gmelch
Carl Larson
David D. Minner, Ph.D.
Larry Rhodes, CSFM
Eric Schroder
Jay Warnick, CSFM

Ethics

To provide a fair and unbiased council to investigate claims of ethics violations, determine if the claims have merit, and shepherd the appeals process.
Ken Mrock - Chair
Tom Burns
Amy J. Fouty, CSFM

Mary Owen
Scott Pippen
Troy Smith, CSFM
N. Grove Teates, Jr.

Finance and Audit

To provide oversight of the STMA's financial resources by reporting information to the Board of Directors on the annual budget, financial policies, investment policies and guidelines and the annual audit.
Chris Calcaterra, CSFM - Chair
Richard Buelter
Robert Curry
James Hlavaty
Richard T. Moffitt

Historical

To safeguard the history of the association. (Reorganizing due to the death of chair Kent Kurtz, Ph.D.)

Information Outreach

To develop educational and informational opportunities for members to enhance their personal and professional development
David D. Minner, Ph.D. - Chair
Theresa Bayrer
Steve Dugas, CSFM
Eric Fasbender

Jeffrey T. Fowler
Bradley R. Jakubowski
Gil Landry, Jr., Ph.D.
Andrew McNitt, Ph.D.
Grady L. Miller, Ph.D.
Pamela Sherratt
John Sorochan, Ph.D.

Membership

To develop initiatives to drive membership growth and retention; to recommend programs that add value for each member.
Lynda Wightman - Chair
Karsten Blackwelder
Bob Campbell, CSFM
Darian Daily - Survey Subcommittee Chair
Chad Follis - Student Subcommittee Chair
Amy Fouty, CSFM
Samuel O. Jones - Recruitment Subcommittee Chair
Marc Moran
Kevin Vos, CSFM
Victoria Wallace - Benefits Subcommittee Chair
Steve Wightman

Nominations

To provide to the membership a slate of officers and directors for

the annual STMA Board of Directors election in accordance with the STMA Bylaws.
Bob Campbell, CSFM - Chair
Tom Burns
Bob Curry
Gil Landry, Jr., Ph.D.
Scott Montague
Mary Owen
Greg Petry
David Rulli
Steve Wightman

Past President's Council

To offer advice and insight on the association's strategic direction.
Bob Campbell, CSFM - Chair
Stephen Cockerham
Murray Cook
Richard Ericson
David Frey
Stephen H. Guise
Mark Hodnick
Gil Landry, Jr., Ph.D.
Richard T. Moffitt
Greg Petry
George W. Rokosh
Michael Schiller, CSFM
Steve Wightman

Scholarship

To judge and select the winners

of the SAFE scholarships; to develop strategies to increase the number of applicants.
George C. Trivett, CSFM - Chair
Peter Ashe, CSFM
David Mellor
Scott Montague
Ken Mrock
John Rector
John Sorochan, Ph.D.
Lance Tibbetts, CSFM

Synthetic/Natural Turfgrass Task Group

To provide unbiased information about the selection, construction and maintenance of synthetic fields and natural grass fields.
Abby L. McNeal, CSFM - Chair
Michael D. Boekholder
Jim Brosnan
James Cornelius
Darby McCamy
Mike McGraw
Andrew McNitt, Ph.D.
Phil McQuade
Richard T. Moffitt
James Newberry
David Schlothauer
Tony Strickland, CSFM
David Wallace ■

*See our July issue for a listing of additional committees

STMA Chapter News

Sports Turf Managers

Association of Arizona: For information contact Darin Budak, CSFM at dbudak@goodyearaz.gov or 623/882-7616, or David Oropeza, at doropeza@cityofnogales.net or 520/285-5781.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA:

Glenn Sweet of Landon School in Bethesda, MD has been elected chapter President. He can be reached at glenn_sweet@landon.net. For information contact Graham Davis at gdavis@american.edu or call 301/495-5522.

Colorado Sports Turf

Managers Association: For more information visit www.cstma.org or call 303/346-8954 or President Ken Norkosky at 720/427-4174, or knorkosk@auroragov.org.

Florida #1 Chapter: For information visit the chapter's page on STMA's website or contact John Mascaro at

954/341-3115 or STMA@turf-tec.com.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association:

The next chapter event will be June 21 from 11-3 at Webster Groves @ Blackburn Park. For information contact Mark Vessel, St. Louis Youth Soccer Association at 636/940-7776 or vessel@slysa.org or Frank Schaffer at 636/940-7776.

Georgia Sports Turf

Managers Association: For information contact Skip Kirby at 770/928-1580 or skip@sportsturfmanagement.com.

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

For more call Carol Gundlach, CSFM at 909/594-5611 ext. 5174 or e-mail cgundlach@mtsac.edu.

Illinois Chapter STMA: For information call chapter secretary

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Libby Baker at 847/263-7603 or e-mail Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers

Association: For information visit www.iowaturfgrass.org or contact Jeff Wendel at 515/232-8222 or fax 515/232-8228 or e-mail Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization

(KAFMO/STMA): The next Field Day will be June 27 at Cumberland Valley High School. Topics to be discussed include: top-dressing; field maintenance; logo painting; and IPM. Visit www.KAFMO.org for more information or call Linda at 717/921-8803. For information on the

Chapter visit www.KAFMO.org or contact Dan Douglas at 610/375-8469, ext. 212 or kafmo@aol.com.

Kentucky Sports Turf

Managers Association: The 2006 Field Day will be July 27-28 at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. For information go to www.kystma.org or contact Donnie Mefford at dbmeff00@email.uky.edu or call 859/257-1451.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association

(MiSTMA): For information visit their website at www.mistma.org or contact Chad Follis at 269/377-3340 or 269/381-0596