

## STMA adds chapter

A new chapter of STMA, the Sports Turf Managers of New York (STMNY), was officially installed at the STMA Conference during the Chapter Officers Training Session (COTS) January 17 in Orlando. This brings the total to 26 chapters affiliated with the association. Welcome to the Chapter Network, STMNY!

### Sports Turf Managers

**Association of Arizona:** For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra, CSFM at e-mail: [chris@peoriaaz.com](mailto:chris@peoriaaz.com) or call 623/412-4231 or Bill Murphy, at e-mail: [bmurphy@ci.scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:bmurphy@ci.scottsdaleaz.gov) or 480/312-7956.

**Chesapeake Chapter STMA** (formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the Chesapeake Chapter, contact Graham Davis at [gdavis@american.edu](mailto:gdavis@american.edu) or call 301/495-5522.

### Colorado Sports Turf Managers

**Association:** For more information about CSTMA visit our website at [www.cstma.org](http://www.cstma.org) or call the Chapter Hotline at 303/346-8954 or President Ken Norkosky at 720/427-4174, or email [knorkosk@auroragov.org](mailto:knorkosk@auroragov.org).

**Florida #1 Chapter:** On March 23, 2006, the IFAS - University of Florida Field Day will be held in Davie, FL. For information on the Florida #1 Chapter or upcoming events, visit the Florida #1 Chapter page on STMA's website or contact John Mascaro at 954/341-3115 or [STMA@turf-tec.com](mailto:STMA@turf-tec.com).

### Gateway Chapter Sports Turf

**Managers Association:** For information on upcoming events or on the Gateway Chapter, contact Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College at 314/392-2328 or e-mail [krone@mobap.edu](mailto:krone@mobap.edu).

### Georgia Sports Turf Managers

**Association:** For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Skip Kirby at 770/928-1580 or by e-mail at [skip@sportsturfmanagement.com](mailto:skip@sportsturfmanagement.com).

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

**Association:** For more information on the Chapter or upcoming events call Carol Gundlach, CSFM at 909/594-5611 ext. 5174 or e-mail [cgundlach@mtsac.edu](mailto:cgundlach@mtsac.edu).

### Illinois Chapter (formerly

**Midwest Chapter) STMA:** For information on the Illinois Chapter or upcoming events, call chapter secretary Libby Baker at 847/263-7603 or e-mail [Bake60ft6in@aol.com](mailto:Bake60ft6in@aol.com).

### Iowa Sports Turf Managers

**Association:** For information on the Chapter or upcoming activities visit [www.iowaturfgrass.org](http://www.iowaturfgrass.org) or contact Jeff Wendel, CGCS of The Turf Office at 515/232-8222 or fax 515/232-8228 or e-mail [Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org](mailto:Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org).

### Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization

**(KAFMO/STMA):** For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club at 610/375-8469, ext. 212 or by e-mail to: [kafmo@aol.com](mailto:kafmo@aol.com).

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### Michigan Sports Turf Managers

**Association (MiSTMA):** For information on the Michigan Chapter, visit their website at [www.mistma.org](http://www.mistma.org) or contact Chad Follis at 269/377-3340 or 269/381-0596 or by email at [chadfollis@farmngarden.com](mailto:chadfollis@farmngarden.com).

### Minnesota Chapter STMA:

For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, visit the Chapter website at [www.mstma.org](http://www.mstma.org) or contact chapter President Tom Adamini at 952/953-2420 or by e-mail at [tadamini@ci.apple-valley.mn.us](mailto:tadamini@ci.apple-valley.mn.us).

### MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers

**Association:** For information on the MO-KAN Chapter or upcoming events, contact Paul Hecker at 913/971-9717 or by e-mail at [phecker@olatheks.org](mailto:phecker@olatheks.org).

### New England STMA (NESTMA):

For information on the New England chapter or upcoming events, contact David Pinsonneault at 781/861-2757

or e-mail [dpinson@ci.lexington.ma.us](mailto:dpinson@ci.lexington.ma.us) or Nick Caggiano at 603/589-3370 or e-mail [caggianon@ci.nashua.nh.us](mailto:caggianon@ci.nashua.nh.us).

### Nebraska Sports Turf Managers

**Association:** For information on the Nebraska Chapter or upcoming events, contact Jennifer Roeber at 402/441-4425 or by e-mail at [jenr@saltdogs.com](mailto:jenr@saltdogs.com).

### Sports Field Managers

**Association of New Jersey:** For information on the New Jersey Chapter or upcoming events call SFMANJ at 908/730-7770, e-mail [HQ@sfmanj.org](mailto:HQ@sfmanj.org) or visit the Chapter website at [www.sfmanj.org](http://www.sfmanj.org).

### Sports Turf Managers of New

**York:** For information on the New York Chapter or upcoming events, contact Mike Albino at 315/468-6225 or (c) 315/427-1214 or [mikealbino@earthlink.net](mailto:mikealbino@earthlink.net) or Kevin Meredith at 607/287-6609 or [kimeredith@earthlink.net](mailto:kimeredith@earthlink.net).

### Ohio Sports Turf Managers

**Association (OSTMA):** For information on the Ohio Chapter, contact OSTMA headquarters at 614/354-1196 or

Ostma@aol.com. You can also visit our new website at [www.ostma.org](http://www.ostma.org). The new OSTMA address is PO Box 3426 Dublin, OH 43016.

**Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Matt Johns at 253/445-4538 or [mjohns@puyallup.wsu.edu](mailto:mjohns@puyallup.wsu.edu).

**Southern California Chapter:** For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, call the Chapter Hotline at 888/578-STMA (578-7862) toll free in Southern California or 760/226-8873 or Michael Tarantino at 858/679-2526 or

by e-mail at [MTarantino@powayusd.com](mailto:MTarantino@powayusd.com).

**South Carolina Chapter of STMA:** For information on the South Carolina Chapter or upcoming events contact Trent Hale, Ph.D. at 843/662-3526 ext. 206 or by e-mail at [tchale@clmson.edu](mailto:tchale@clmson.edu) for more information or visit our website at [www.scstma.org](http://www.scstma.org).

**Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Texas Chapter contact T. J. Thompson, President-Elect at [txturfmanager@1scom.net](mailto:txturfmanager@1scom.net) or 972/670-2138 (m).

**Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVST-**

MA): For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, call Chapter President, Al Ray at 931/388-0303 or by e-mail at [ARay@maurycounty-tn.gov](mailto:ARay@maurycounty-tn.gov).

**Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Virginia Chapter or upcoming events, please contact VSTMA President Bob Studholme of the Fairfax County Park Authority at 703/324-8590 or [robert.studholme@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:robert.studholme@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Wisconsin Chapter or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at

715/346-3622 or [cbrindle@uwsp.edu](mailto: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.

**Idaho STMA:** For information, contact Greg Liggett, at 208/496-2421 or email him at [liggett@byu.i.edu](mailto:liggett@byu.i.edu).

**Nevada STMA Chapter:** For information, contact Corey Angelo at 702/433-3113 or by e-mail at [sls654ASCM@lesco.com](mailto:sls654ASCM@lesco.com).

## STMA in Action

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on the grounds crew. He is a Third-generation County Extension Educator, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Fowler's educational programs and research are focused primarily in the area of turfgrass management and athletic field safety. He has visited hundreds of fields providing recommendations on making the playing surfaces safer, and has given presentations all over the Northeast. He serves as the chair of the editorial sub-committee for *SportsTurf*, has been on the program planning committee for the STMA annual conference, and is currently serving on the education committee.

A 15-year employee of the Tomball ISD, Wiggins has been the school district's athletic grounds supervisor for the past 4 years. He oversees the field and practice areas for football, baseball, softball, soccer and tennis. His softball and baseball fields received 2004 Field of the Year honors from the Texas Turfgrass Association. The softball field was also named the 2004 National Fastpitch Coaches Association/Turface High School Field of the Year. In 2005, the football field was honored as the Texas Turfgrass Association's Field of the Year. Wiggins also devotes time as the clock operator for football games and both boys and girls basketball games. He volunteers his time to community organizations by preparing the practice areas for the local Little League and for Tomball's developmental children's version of Special Olympics. He attended and played baseball at

Rose State College (formerly Oscar Rose Junior College) and also attended the University of Oklahoma. Jim and his wife, Cheryl, have two children, Shannon and Nick, who are his constant supporters.

Christofferson is entering his seventh season as head groundskeeper for the Seattle Mariners at Safeco Field. During his tenure, Safeco Field has been host to the 2001 All Star Game, American League Playoff games, an NCAA football bowl game, and World Cup qualifying soccer matches. Previously, he spent 20 years in the Pacific Coast League in Tacoma in a dual role as Stadium Manager and Head Groundskeeper at Cheney Stadium. In 1992, MLB presented Christofferson with its first-ever PCL Groundskeeper of the Year Award, which he received again in 1998 and 1999. He has been a member of STMA since 2001 and serves on the Conference Committee. He was instrumental in developing the Pacific Northwest Chapter of STMA and was its first president from 2001 through 2004.

The STMA Conference and Exhibition brought more than 1,000 conference attendees, an association record high, to Orlando for classroom and hands-on education. This was a 10 percent increase in attendance from the 2005 conference in Phoenix. Integral to the conference was the 86,000-square foot exhibition that showcased the sports turf industry's products, services, and equipment of more than 155 companies. ■