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Back in February of 2005, I received a terrific email from Texas STMA member Pat Searight. Pat wrote to congratulate me on becoming the new STMA President. He went on to say, "I am confident that you will lead STMA into becoming a more recognized and professional organization."

Well Pat, I have strived very hard to meet that goal. I certainly know that I have been a recipient of true inspiration from many STMA members like you whom I have had the privilege of meeting and working with over the past 2 years.

I want to start my "thank you's" with the Board of Directors and STMA staff. And special thanks to all those members who served on the Board with me for their assistance and support. I would also like to thank our Headquarters staff for their hard work and commitment to the association. STMA continues to grow and prosper because of the dedicated services staff provides to our membership and the sports turf industry.

There has been much work accomplished these past 2 years. Our Conference & Exhibition in Orlando last January was a huge success. This was also the kick-off of our yearlong 25th Anniversary. I hope you enjoyed the anniversary features in *SportsTurf*. I look forward to the 2007 Conference in San Antonio that will once again provide wonderful learning and networking experiences.

I have truly enjoyed working with the STMA committees and witnessing their accomplishments. Unlike other associations, STMA committee members actually spearhead projects, do research, and help staff be more effective by providing additional manpower. We have reengineered our committee process to offer even more opportunities for volunteerism. I am privileged to work with so many dedicated volunteers, and I thank all of you for your continued support of STMA.

Serving on any board can be a demanding and time consuming avocation, but it can also be one of the most rewarding experiences as well. The greatest support comes from those closest to you, and that support has come from my family, the Waukegan Park District Parks Department and Executive Director Greg Petry. In addition, I cannot say enough about our STMA CEO Kim Heck and the support she has provided for me as President. It has truly been rewarding to learn and work with her on association management. In a short period of time she has made a great impact on the organization. I am humbled by all of these people and the support they have provided during the past 2 years.

I am confident that the capable leadership of incoming President Mike Andresen, CSFM will continue to embrace our strategic planning process for the continued advancement and growth of the association. I look forward to my continued service as past president to assist him in anyway possible. Finally, I wish to thank you—the membership of STMA. It has been an honor to be President of this great association. Thank you for a wonderful experience.

Mike Trigg