The Bylaws Committee is working on adjusting the Bylaws to include the governance changes adopted by the STMA Board of Directors at its Winter 2008 Board Meeting. These changes resulted from a culmination of 10 months of work by a Governance Task Group, which was appointed by President Andresen in March 2007. That Task Group’s recommendations can be categorized into four changes:

- Combining the Secretary and Treasurer positions into one office, the Secretary/Treasurer.
- Formalizing the ascension process to the STMA Presidency.
- Reducing the terms of the Officers to one year in each office.
Previously, each Officer served up to two terms.

- Expanding the STMA Board of Directors by two Directors’ positions (a net gain of one position due to the combination of the Secretary and Treasurer into one office.) The current Directors’ and one of the new Directors terms will remain at two years. The other new Director will fulfill a one-year term.

Three sections of the Bylaws are affected including Article V – Board of Directors. The Language that defines the number of board members will need to change. Article VI – Officers will show many changes since this is the area that will describe the ascension process, the reduction to one-year terms for the Officers, and describe the duties of the Officers. Article VII – Directors will be adjusted to identify the two new director positions.

Information will be included on-line at www.stma.org as these changes advance, so that you are kept up-to-date. Please contact headquarters at STMAinfo@STMA.org or 1-800-323-3875 if you have any questions.

Virginia STMA members write book

The Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association has released a new book, “Sports Turf Management in the Transition Zone.” This 200-page, hardcover book includes more than 100 four-color photographs and was written by Virginia Tech faculty members Dr. Mike Goatley, Dr. Shawn Askew, Dr. Erik Ervin, David McCall, Bob Studholme, Dr. Peter Schultz, Dr. Brandon Horvath, as well as Bob Studholme, former president of VSTMA and a 30-year veteran of managing sports turf with the Fairfax County Park Authority.

The book is meant to serve as a user-friendly resource featuring programs and concepts that have been developed based on both turfgrass research as well as field experience by qualified sports turf managers.

Copies can be purchased through www.vstma.org or by calling Pocahontas Press at 800-446-0467.