

STMA in action



Volunteer your time to an STMA Committee

CHARITABLE GIVING IS PREDICTED TO DROP IN 2009, if it follows the donation patterns during previous recessions in the U.S. But, there are many ways to “donate” without giving money, and serving on an STMA Committee is an excellent way to give to the association.

Volunteering on a committee provides the association with vital insight and perspective from the membership on its programs and services. Most committees meet via conference calls, and depending upon the committee’s charges for the year, they may meet via phone as few as twice during the year, or as frequently as twice a month for several months. These calls offer a great opportunity to meet and learn from others, offer your viewpoint and help to advance the work of STMA. Appointments are for one year (March 1-January 31).

Please sign up using the form below or via www.STMA.org even if you are currently serving on a committee. The deadline to volunteer for a committee is February 6. President Abby McNeal will be making the committee appointments by March 1.

- Awards: To judge the association’s awards program applicants selecting the Field of the Year winners and the Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year; to develop strategies to enhance the programs. (This Committee meets physically in November in Kansas City, MO)

- Bylaws: To develop association bylaws, which are fair and enforceable, and clearly define the expectations for membership, governance processes and board of directors’ service.

- 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.

- 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,

- Conference: (Conference Education, Exhibition, and Tours subcommittees) 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.

- Editorial: To insure that the STMA magazine contains information relevant to the sports turf manager; to provide ideas and contacts for articles for publication;

- Ethics: To provide a fair and unbiased council to investigate claims of ethics violations, determine if the claim has merit, and shepherd the appeals process. (This Committee is called into operation only if there is an ethics violation claim).

- Finance & Audit: To provide oversight of the STMA’s financial resources by reporting information to the Board of Directors.

- Historical: To preserve the history of the association and the profession

- Information Outreach: To develop educational and informational opportunities for members to enhance their personal and professional development.

- Membership: To develop initiatives to drive membership growth and retention; to recommend programs that add value for each member.

- Nominating: To provide to the membership a qualified slate of officers and directors for the annual STMA Board of Directors election in accordance with the STMA Bylaws.

- Past President’s Advisory Council: Purpose: To advise the STMA Board on issues pertaining to the past, present and future of STMA. (Restricted to STMA Past Presidents)

- Scholarship: To judge the SAFE Scholarship recipients; to develop strategies to enhance the program.

- Technical Standards: To help determine standards and best management practices needed in the profession and to guide the work of the ASTM on developing sports field and facility standards.

- Website: To insure that the STMA website contains information relevant to members, prospects and the green industry in an easily accessible and consumable format. ■

STMA Committee Volunteer Form

Committee appointments are for a one-year term of service, March - January.
Please fill out a new form annually.

Name _____

Chapter _____

E-Mail _____

Telephone _____

Facility/Industry Representation (check one)

- Facilities used by Professional Athletes
- Higher Education
- Schools K-12
- Parks & Recreation
- Academic
- Commercial
- Student

Name of Committee on which you are interested in serving:

Return this form to STMA Headquarters, 805 New Hampshire, Ste. E, Lawrence, KS 66044
Fax: 785-843-2977 or via email STMAinfo@STMA.org

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STMA awards 2008 Fields of the Year

The STMA Awards Committee has honored 10 members with Field of the Year Awards. The winners will be recognized at the annual STMA Awards Banquet January 16 in San José. In addition to being presented with a prestigious plaque, each winner also receives a complimentary conference registration, additional banquet tickets, signature clothing, three nights hotel while in San José, and recognition in an issue of this magazine.

Criteria is based on the management techniques of the sports turf manager, innovative solutions to problems, the ability to maximize budget dollars and resources, and the safety and playability of the field's surface. A new category was introduced this year, Sporting Grounds of the Year. Members entered natural sports surfaces used for less traditional sports.

The Committee selected three baseball, two football, two soccer, and one softball field and two sporting grounds as winners this year. They have the opportunity to present an award for each of these sports in three different categories: professional (not applicable to softball), college and schools and parks.

In baseball the winners are:

Russ Chandler Stadium (college) - Atlanta, GA - John DeWitt
 Time Warner Cable Field at Fox Cities Stadium (professional) - Appleton, WI - Eddie Warczak
 JW Sadler Field (schools and parks) - Westerville, OH - Kenny Nichols

In football the winners are:

Lane Stadium, Worsham Field (college) - Blacksburg, VA - Jason Bowers, CSFM
 Bobby Gruhn Field (schools and parks) - Gainesville, GA - David Presnell

In soccer the winners are:

Pape Field (college) - Eugene, OR - Eric Fasbender, CSFM
 Dick's Sporting Goods Park (professional) - Commerce City, CO - Bret Baird

In softball the winner is:

Patricia Wilson Field at Stetson University (college) - DeLand, FL - George Marshall

In sporting grounds the winners are:

University of New England Field Hockey (college) - Biddeford, ME - Lance Tibbetts, CSFM
 Longwood Cricket Club (professional) - Chestnut Hill, MA - Michael Buras, CSFM

The STMA Awards Committee includes Chair Jody Gill, Andrew Gossel, Steve LeGros, Doug Linde, Ph.D., Dennis Klein, Chuck Pula, and Jim Welshans. ■

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Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization – MAFMO Chapter STMA): www.ccstma.org.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: www.cstma.org.

Florida #1 Chapter: 954/782-2748

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: www.gatewaystma.org.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: www.gstma.org.

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

Illinois Chapter STMA: 847/263-7603.

Intermountain Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: www.imstma.org.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: www.iowaturfgrass.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Org. (KAFMO/STMA): www.kafmo.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association: www.kystma.org.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MISTMA): www.mistma.org.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: www.mstma.com.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: www.mokanstma.com.

New England STMA (NESTMA): www.nestma.org.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: 402/441-4425.

North Carolina Chapter of STMA: www.ncsportsturf.org.

North Florida STMA Chapter: 850/580-4026.

Northern California STMA: www.norcalstma.org.

Ozarks STMA: www.ozarksstma.org.

Sports Turf Managers of New York: www.stmony.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: www.sfmanj.org.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): www.ostma.org.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: www.pnwstma.org.

Southern California Chapter: www.socalstma.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: www.scstma.org.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: 866/897-8621.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): www.tvstma.com.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: www.vstma.org.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: www.wstma.org.

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