

Rewards of membership New members receive up to 3 months free

New members who join STMA in October, November or December, will receive those months of membership at no charge, plus a full year of membership starting January 1, 2010.

The benefits of STMA membership include access to the members-only side of the website, which has many in-depth technical bulletins, employment openings, résumé postings and career advancement tips. A link to Michigan State's Turfgrass Information File is provided to each member as part of the membership benefits package for quick access to research and industry information. Membership also includes a subscription to this magazine, an on-line newsletter, and discounts on education including registration fees to the national and regional conferences. Members can also take advantage of the STMA Field of the Year Awards program, Founders Awards,

and Scholarship and Grant programs. In addition to the award, recipients of these honors receive industry recognition, which can help advance their careers.

Thank you for your support

When times are tough financially, many organizations cut professional development and membership expenditures. Although STMA has seen its 2009 membership numbers lag about 5% behind last year's numbers, overall this is a small percentage compared to the effects the economy is having on some businesses. STMA members are supporting their professional development by personally paying STMA membership fees. We appreciate your support! STMA strives to provide you with the tools and resources you need to do your job, and we welcome your thoughts on what we can do to provide more benefits and better serv-

ices to you. Please contact CEO Kim Heck with your ideas at kheck@STMA.org or 800-323-3875.

Preparing for 2010

The value of belonging to an association becomes even more important when budgets are reduced. As 2010 rolls in, STMA will be sending out membership renewal invoices. We accept all major credit cards, purchase orders, personal and business checks, and can help you set up an individual payment plan, if you need one. We encourage you to renew online to avoid any disruption in membership benefits.

Remember to access your network. Peer-to-peer advice is invaluable and can provide timely solutions. STMA can help connect you with those in similar situations, so please contact headquarters if you need assistance. ■

Y2K was a very good year; thanks to these members!

Congratulations to members who joined STMA in 2000! It is with sincere appreciation that STMA acknowledges your nine years of support and commitment to the association.

Kari Allen, CSFM
Barry Arrington
John Bentley
Duffy Birkhead
Philip Braselton
Dan Brazo
Craig Broyhill
Benji Brye
Nicholas Butera
Nick Caggiano
Tom Cardwell
Pride Carter
Fred Castenschiold
Joseph Cazeault
Patrick Coakley, CSFM
Tony Diaz
Samuel Doak
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Eric Starnes
Barry Stewart
Michael Sullenberger
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Kevin Trotta
Bill Tully
Marco Volterrani
Joseph Warner, CSFM
Jim Welshans
Parker Wood
Steve Young ■

STMA announces candidates for 2010

The 2010 Slate of Candidates are being presented this month to the STMA membership. Voting will close December 17, and those elected to the Board of Directors will take office at the Annual Meeting on January 14, 2010. Voting members can submit ballots electronically, via fax or by US mail. Instructions on how to prepare the ballot so that STMA can verify its authenticity, yet maintain the voters' confidentiality, are included on the ballot.

Abby McNeal, CSFM, STMA's 2009 President will ascend automatically to the office of Immediate Past President, and Chris Calcaterra, CSFM, the President Elect for 2009 is slated unopposed for President. The 2009 Secretary/Treasurer Troy Smith, CSFM also is slated unopposed for the President Elect.

2010 Slate:

Immediate Past President:	Abby McNeal, CSFM, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO
President:	Chris Calcaterra, M.Ed., CSFM, CPRP, City of Peoria Sports Complex, Peoria, AZ
President-Elect	Troy Smith, CSFM, Denver Broncos Football Club, Denver, CO
Commercial VP	Chad Price, CSFM, Carolina Green Corp., Indian Trail, NC
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jody Gill, CSFM, Blue Valley School District, Overland Park, KS Mike Goatley, Ph.D., Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
*Professional	Larry DiVito, Minnesota Twins, Minneapolis, MN Facilities:
Higher Education:	Ron Hostick, CSFM, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA David Schlotthauer, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
*Schools K-12	Martin Kaufman, CSFM, Ensworth Schools, Nashville, TN
Academic:	Pam Sherratt, The Ohio State University John Sorochan, Ph.D., University of Tennessee
Parks and Recreation:	Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ David Pinsonneault, CSFM, CPRP, Town of Lexington, Lexington, MA
*Commercial	Vacant (one year left in Chad Price's term) to be filled by Representative: appointment per Bylaws
At-Large:	Kevin Meredith, CSFM, National Soccer Hall of Fame, Oneonta, NY Mike Tarantino, Poway Unified School District, Poway, CA

*Not up for election – in second year of two-year term

For complete biographies, photos, and to read about each candidate's vision for STMA, go to the STMA website, www.STMA.org and click on the "About Us" tab, "STMA Election Information." ■

Texas STMA helps Pop Warner league

Texas STMA board member Bob Marcotte and crew, in the spirit of service typical of the STMA and Texas A & M University, conducted a training seminar in late September at Henderson Park in Bryan on painting football fields for leaders of the Bryan Buccaneers Pop Warner League. As he watched the first field unfold, league president Joe Menares was heard to exclaim "It's a real football field!" The following week Menares and his assistants then completed two more fields on their own and were really excited about how professional the field painting looked as they prepared for the Buccaneer's next home game. Paint for the event was supplied by John Deere Landscapes and paint for the rest of the year was supplied by Pioneer Athletics.

Marcotte is the Athletic Field Maintenance Manager for Texas A & M's Recreational Sports Department at the Penberthy Intramural Sports Center. Assisting him were volunteers Justin Hale and Chris Prewitt, A & M student workers at Penberthy, and Joshua Morales, a sports management major at A & M. The Buccaneers were represented by Joe Menares, President, along with Kyle Rock, Nick Damon Sr. and Nick Damon, Jr. as volunteers. ■

Have the perfect site for a regional conference?

STMA chapters have been invited to consider hosting a Summer Regional Conference in their area. STMA has developed a simple form to help chapters indicate their interest. Chapters that host an STMA Conference have no financial or administrative obligations. Through the Summer Regional Conferences, STMA is striving to bring the national conference experience to those areas that would not typically host an STMA National Conference. To access the form, visit www.stma.org ■