

Donate Your Time - Volunteer for a Committee

AS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION, STMA relies on dues, sponsorship and advertising dollars to fund the services it provides back to the membership. The gift of time through volunteering is regarded equally as significant and important to STMA as these monetary contributions. 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 beginning on March 1, with each committee comprised of generally 10-12 members.

At the annual conference in Austin, all current committee members are invited to a short meeting Wednesday, January 12, 6-6:30 p.m. Each current committee member will receive an invitation and agenda before the conference. It is a future goal of the association to carve out more significant time during the annual conference for all committees to meet.

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 Feb. 1. President Troy Smith will be making the committee appointments by March 1. He may also be creating panels of members, as needed, to provide feedback electronically on specific issues affecting the association.

For 2011, the STMA Board of Directors has moved two task groups to Standing Committees due to the expanding and enduring nature of their work. These new committees are:

Environmental: To develop environmental strategies that position STMA and its members as leaders in environmental stewardship and the overlapping health and safety issues that impact fans and players.

International: To position STMA as a global leader in sports facility management and make STMA the 'go-to' resource for those who work internationally in the industry.

The other standing committees include:

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 strate-

gies 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.

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

Scholarship: To judge the recipients of the SAFE Scholarships and the Terry Mellor Grant; to develop strategies to enhance the programs.

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 ALSO HAS A NOMINATING COMMITTEE that is appointed directly by the Nominating Committee Chair. The chair is always the Immediate Past President, as defined by the Bylaws. Thus, Chris Calcaterra, M.Ed., CSFM, CPRP will assume that role for 2011.

STMA Committee Volunteer Form

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

Name _____

Facility _____

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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