

First-ever Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant Presented by SAFE

Eddie Atherton of the City of Owensboro, KY has received the first Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant, awarded by The SAFE Foundation, STMA's philanthropic arm. This \$1,000 grant is funded through a generous donation from Turface Athletics.

The grant funded a portion of the Atherton's attendance at the STMA Conference last month, where he was recognized at the association's annual Awards Banquet. In addition to the cash grant, SAFE funded a free conference registration.

The grant is named in honor of the late Terry Mellor, the brother of Red Sox Director of Grounds David Mellor, who died at the age of 43. He was very involved in his community and was named volunteer of the year for the state of Wisconsin for the Special Olympics. He was a strong supporter of continuing education and this grant honors his passion.

The STMA scholarship Committee, who judges the SAFE Scholarship winners each year, selected Atherton based on a letter of recommendation. The letter was sent in by Marcus Dean, CSFM, from the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Chapter's President, who cited Atherton's "dedication, efficiency and attitude," in his letter.

This grant will be offered again for the 2011 STMA Conference in Austin, TX. Please keep an eye out for the nomination form and more information by mid-2010. ■

New Membership Pins

At the STMA recent conference, STMA unveiled its Membership Pin Program and distributed membership pins to recognize those members who have supported STMA for 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years and 25 years. If your years of support are in between, i.e. 8 years, you will receive the 5-year pin. Pins will be mailed in February to those who were unable to attend the conference. Thank you for your continued support of STMA. We sincerely appreciate it! ■



Celebrating 8 years of membership!

THANK YOU to these members who joined STMA in 2002. We appreciate your continued support of STMA, and look forward to your continued membership with us!

Ron Adams	Joel Eaton	Greg Johnson	Carlos Moncada	Dale Sellner
Mike Albino	Greg Engle	Justin Johnson	David Mooney	Ryan Sherwood
Dave Anderson	Jess Evans	Pierce Key	Eddie Moore	Phil Shirk
Whitey Anderson	Eric Ferland	Erin Kiney	Kevin Moore	Blake Siler
Mark Bachmann	Jim Fox	Josh Klute	Marc Moran	Jimmy Simpson, CSFM
Gary Ballingham	Ian Fulp	Jon Knutson	Rick Mucciaccio	Joseph Sirgany
Ron Barendt	Thomas Garner	Tim Koch	Steven Mulholland	Kim Spearman
Mark Berry	Steve Gnall	James Koontz, Jr.	James Murphy, Ph.D.	Joey Stevenson
Pat Berger, CGCS	Andrew Gossel	Joe Kovolyan	Eric Nelson	Andrew St. Julian
Karsten Blackwelder	Mark Grigg	Mark Kreikemeier	Tony Newton	Bruce Suddeth
Rick Bold, CSFM	Robert Harding	Bill Lamont	Nat Nuovo	Paul Syracuse
TJ Brewer	Mark Hall	Carl Larson	Rich O'Hara	Emory Thomas
George Brothers	Mike Hebrard	Frank Lasasso	Wayne Oliver	Todd Tribble
Mark Brown	Bo Henley	T.J. Lawson	Sam Paradowski	Walter Tucker
Scott Burt	Thomas Hertzell	Timothy Legare, CSFM	Rick Perruzzi, CSFM	Joseph Vocke
Chris Casper	Donald Hester	Leo Liebert	David Pinsonneault, CSFM,	Clint Waltz, Ph.D.
Eddie Chittom	Al Hicks	Allen Lowrey	CPRP	Jack Warner
Bob Christofferson	Blake Hoerr	Jean Lucero	Shawn Ray	Michael Weddle
Webb Cook	Fred Hoge	Christopher Matlock	Bart Richards	Chad Wheeler
Sean Connell	Andrew Hoiberg	Nick McKenna	Byron Riesen	Tim Wilson
Ken Curry	Christopher Hostenstein	Christopher McNairy	Debbie Robinson	Cory Wisinski
Marty Curtis	Ron Hostick, CSFM	Cheryl Miller	Sun Roesslein	Paul Young ■
Mike Davis	Mark Janz	David Millet, Jr.	Casey Scheidel	
James Dobmeier	Michael Johanson	Paul Miskimen	Andy Sears	

2009 SAFE Scholarship Winners

Graduate Scholarships

Dr. James Watson Graduate Scholarship - \$2,500	Andrew Hoiberg, Iowa State
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Four Year Scholarships

Dr. James Watson Undergraduate Scholarship - \$2,500	Brian McDougal, Michigan State
SAFE Undergraduate Scholarship - \$2,000	Kyley Dickson, Tennessee
SAFE Undergraduate Scholarship - \$1,000	Kent Dickerson, Georgia, Eric Haub, Purdue, Zack Severns, Washington State

Two Year Scholarships

Dr. Fred Grau Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500	Ryan McGillivray, Massachusetts
SAFE Two Year Scholarship - \$1,000	Patrick Escalera, Mt. San Antonio College

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) was created to provide research, educational programs, and scholarships geared to sports field specific endeavors. The level of scholarship funding has steadily increased since the scholarship programs inception in 1999 and in 2009 we awarded \$12,500 to eight recipients in two-year, four-year, and graduate level categories. Since the scholarship program's beginning, SAFE has awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarship and travel to the STMA Conference and Exhibition.

Judging criteria: A panel of eight judges independently scored each entry based on each student's academic preparation, experi-

ence in the sports turf management industry, professional goals, extracurricular activities, and input from academic advisors and employers. Each student also wrote an essay describing his or her background and career aspirations.

Scholarship Program Supporters: The TORO Foundation provides generous support for the Dr. James Watson Scholarship winners. Jacobsen supports the SAFE Scholarship Program through the SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament held at the STMA Conference each year. The program is also supported through individual and corporate donations made throughout the year and proceeds from the Live and Silent Auctions and raffle held

each year on the STMA Trade Show Floor. These sponsors fund a stipend for each recipient to attend the STMA annual conference (including lodging) and a scholarship ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Recognition: Scholarship recipients had their financial aid mailed directly to their university, with a check made out jointly to them and their schools financial aid office. The students were recognized during the Annual STMA Awards Banquet at the 21st Annual STMA Conference and Exhibition held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center in Lake Buena Vista, FL. ■

STMA recognizes STA as first International Affiliate Organization

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) is very pleased to announce that it is recognizing its first International Affiliate Organization, the Sports Turf Association (STA) headquartered in Guelph, ON, Canada. The STA was formed in 1987 to promote better, safer sports turf through innovation, education and professional programs. STA and STMA will collaborate and share information and educational resources.

To be an International Affiliate, the organization must be recognized as a business entity in their country and provide proof to STMA

annually; develop bylaws or other governing documents; and have a governing Board of Directors. The STA meets these requirements and officially became an STMA International Affiliate Organization last November.

In addition to sharing information and resources, STMA will list the STA on its website as an International Affiliate Organization, provide one membership annually to the President of the STA, and will offer to the membership of the STA conference registration and education and training resources at STMA member rates.

Outgoing STMA President Abby McNeal,

CSFM was enthusiastic about the new partnership. "Officially establishing a relationship with the STA will help to connect our memberships and allow us to collaborate on issues common across the profession," said McNeal. "Our Board of Directors has much respect for the work of the STA, and we know we will learn from them."

Gord Dol, STA President, concurred. "We believe that this is an important step forward in establishing an information conduit for organizations around the world to share research, knowledge, and experience for the advancement of everyone involved in the sports turf industry." ■