## 2010 is The Year to Volunteer

olunteering on a committee provides the STMA 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 Feb. 5. President Chris Calcaterra 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. (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 recom-

mend 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 and the Turface Athletics Terry Mellor Continuing Education 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 Affiliated Chapters Contact Information**

Special Notes: The Chesapeake Chapter is re-establishing as the Mid Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization. The forming Central Florida Chapter has secured 43 signatures for its official documentation to become an affiliated chapter.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona: www.azstma.com.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization – MAFMO Chapter STMA): www.cstma.org. \* See note abaove

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

Florida #1 Chapter: 954/782-2748

Florida #2 Chapter: 850/580-4026.

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.

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.

Oregon STMA Chapter: 503/953-9406

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.

## Forming Chapters:

Central Florida: Contact George Lawson, 863-665-5800 (See note above)

Gulf Coast Chapter: 225/757-9136.

Nevada STMA Chapter: 702/884-2987.

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