

STMA announces its slate of candidates for 2012

The **STMA Nominating Committee** has developed the 2012 Board of Directors Slate of Candidates and is presenting it to the membership for election. STMA voting members have been issued ballots and can cast their votes via US mail or fax using the ballot, or electronically by following the instructions on the ballot. Included with the ballot are recommended changes to the Bylaws, which if passed, will create a new category of membership, Retired. Voting for the Board of Directors and the Bylaws closes on December 20.

Those slated on the ballot include:

For President James Michael Goatley Jr., Ph.D., Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA; for Immediate Past President Troy Smith, CSFM, Denver Broncos Practice Facility, Englewood, CO; for President-Elect Martin Kaufman, CSFM, Ensworth Schools, Nashville, TN; and for Commercial Vice-President Rene Asprien, Diamond Pro/TXI, Dallas, TX.

There are two candidates slated for Secretary/Treasurer: Ron Hostick, CSFM, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA and David Pinsonneault, CSFM, CPRP, Town of Lexington, MA. The winner of this race will automatically be slated for President-Elect in 2013 and for President in 2014.

Four Director positions are up for election and have two candidates slated for each. Slated for the Higher Education Director are Jeff Salmond, CSFM, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK and David Schlotthauer, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. Jeffrey Fowler, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Franklin, PA and Brad Jakubowski, Doane College, Lincoln, NE are the candidates for the Academic Director. The Parks and Recreation Director candidates are Debra Kneeshaw, City of Portland Parks & Recreation, Portland, OR and Brian Winka, CSFM, City of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO. Andrew Gossel,

Covenant Christian High School, Indianapolis, IN is running against Jay Warnick, CSFM, University of Portland Athletics, Portland, OR for the Director At-Large position.

Two Directors have one year left in their terms. Allen Johnson, CSFM, Green Bay Packers, Green Bay, WI represents the membership segment who manage facilities used by professional athletes and Mike Tarantino, CSFM, Poway USD, Poway, CA is the Director for Schools K-12.

The Commercial Director position is vacant due to the slating of Director Rene Asprien for Commercial Vice President and will be appointed by the President.

Those elected and appointed will officially take office at the STMA Annual Meeting, January 12, 2012, which will be held in Long Beach in conjunction with the Annual Conference and Exhibition. ■

The Value of Belonging

STMA was created in 1981 by four founders: Dick Ericson, Georg Toma, William Daniel, Ph.D. and Harry Gill to advance the profession of sports turf management. They believed that by creating an association for those in the profession information on managing sports fields would be shared, agronomic research and education on field management would expand, and the result would be a stronger sports turf industry. Their vision is now reality.

STMA has more than 2,500 members and 33 affiliated chapters. It has hundreds of educational resources available to its members and disseminates the latest information about sports field management through its conferences, monthly publications and website. The membership has created a culture of sharing and helping others to succeed. This close-knit community networks and collaborates with its peers, which leads to increased learning, personal growth and career progression. This intangible value is what makes STMA unique among professional associations.

Join your peers in becoming a vital member of this professional association. In addition to having access to peers across the country to give you advice, the benefits

are many. STMA members receive:

- Access to the Members' Only section of STMA.org, which has a searchable membership directory, technical resources, educational materials, employment openings and résumés of potential employees and interns for easy recruitment.
- Discounted registration/exhibition fees to attend STMA's Annual Conference and Exhibition—an event unmatched in the industry for sports field specific information and education, and discounted registration to STMA's summer regional conference.
- A subscription to *SportsTurf* magazine, the official magazine of STMA and the industry's leading publication.
- A hard copy Membership Directory.
- A monthly e-newsletter that communicates association, industry and career development information.
- Online access to Michigan State's Turfgrass Information File (TGIF), the green industry's greatest resource for up-to-date technical information.
- Discounts to the University of Georgia's and the Ohio State University's distance-learning programs.
- Opportunity to take a leadership role

through national committee service.

- Ability to enter your sports field in the nationally recognized Field of the Year Awards Program.
- Ability to apply for a scholarship through The SAFE Foundation, STMA's charity (student members).
- Recognition as a professional and access to further validate your abilities through certification.

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