STMA 2013 Election Information

THE STMA NOMINATING COMMITTEE presented the 2013 Board of Directors Slate of Candidates to the STMA Board at its recent Fall Board meeting. STMA voting members will have received their ballots in late November; ballots are due December 15.

Due to the resignation of Martin Kaufman, CSFM, who was the President Elect, the current President, James Michael Goatley, Jr., Ph.D., will serve a second term, per the STMA Officer Vacancy Ascension SOP. (Kaufman resigned due to a change in employment, which made him ineligible to hold the office of President). David Pinsonneault, CSFM, CPRP, the current Secretary/Treasurer, will ascend to the President Elect position. Troy Smith, CSFM, will remain Immediate Past President.

Directors serve 2-year terms as does the Commercial Vice President. Serving the second year of their term and not up for election are Rene Asprion, Commercial Vice President, Diamond Pro/TXI, Dallas, TX; Jeff Salmond, CSFM, Higher Education Director, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; Jeffrey Fowler, Academic Director, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Franklin, PA; and Debra Kneeshaw, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Portland Parks & Recreation, Portland, OR.

Directors
For the Director Representing Professional Facilities: Tom Jones or Phil McQuade

TOM JONES, FC Dallas, Frisco, TX
Tom is the Vice President of Complex Management and has managed the Complex fields at FC Dallas Stadium & Complex for seven years where he oversaw the design and construction of the fields. Tom started in the grounds business with Texas Rangers Baseball working tarp crew during college.

Vision for STMA: My vision for STMA would involve education and camaraderie. I believe in the philosophy that if you are not learning and growing you are regressing. So, continual education of the latest techniques or shared ideas from your peers is vitally important to growth.

PHIL MCQUADE, Dicks Sporting Goods Park, Commerce City, CO
Phil has worked as Assistant Turf Manager at Dick's Sporting Goods Park since 2006 (while under construction). This complex is home to the Colorado Rapids MLS soccer club. DSG Park has 25 fields. There are 2 sand based fields, 2 synthetic fields and 21 native soil fields.

Vision for STMA: My vision for the STMA is to see the continued growth of membership and a continued push to educate non-members on turf. I would also like to see turf managers become more eco-friendly. I would also like to see the STMA expand worldwide.

Rich Watson, Pine Hill Public Schools, Pine Hill, NJ
Rich has been involved in the turf industry since 1988. His career started as a groundskeeper and since then he has worked hard to achieve his current position as Grounds Supervisor for Pine Hill Public Schools. The areas under his management include about 30 acres of sports turf, four building sites and the management of two municipal parks in Pine Hill.

Vision for STMA: I think the STMA is a great organization and has done a lot of great work. My vision is pretty simple. I would love to see us give back to the organizations that need us the most. These would include youth organizations, schools and park and rec. I know we do a lot of good things currently, but I think we still have a long way to go.

For the Director Representing the Commercial sector: James Graff or Eric Simmons, PLA

JAMES GRAFF, Graff’s Turf Farms, Inc., Ft. Morgan, CO
James Graff is the co-owner of Graff’s Turf Farms, with long time production manager Marty Thiel. The business is highly automated using the most select turfgrass post which he has hold for over 9 years. In addition to running the athletic department, Graff is the head varsity baseball coach, works in the school weight room in the summer, and oversees all of the athletic field maintenance for the school’s soccer field and baseball field.

Vision for STMA: I see STMA as a great tool for sports turf managers to learn, network, and grow. I want to help continue and even improve the means by which sports turf managers at all levels are able to work together and not improve their own fields and grow personally, but help others around them do the same.
Vision for STMA: My vision for the STMA is to continue to be a world leader in information, networking, and education for the Sports Turf Manager. I would also like to see our organization continue to include and fund the participation of our student members.

For the Elected At-Large Director: Tim Van Loo, CSFM or Brian Winka, CSFM

TIM VAN LOO, CSFM, Iowa State University, Ames, IA
Tim Van Loo, CSFM, is Manager of Athletic Turf and Grounds at Iowa State University. Tim came to the Athletic Department in March 2010. He oversees Jack Trice Stadium, Johnny Majors Practice Facility, Cyclone Sports Complex (soccer/track/softball), Bergstrom Multi-purpose Indoor Facility and all other athletic department grounds. Previous to Iowa State University he was the Associate Director of Facilities/Agronomist at Northwestern University from 2007-2010.

BRIAN WINKA, CSFM, City of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO
Brian Winka, CSFM is the Sports Turf Manager for the City of Chesterfield Missouri, a position he has held since 2005. He holds a B.S. in Agronomy from Missouri State University and attained certification as a Certified Sports Field Manager through STMA in 2008.

Vision for STMA: Today’s sports turf manager jobs are about more than just growing grass. Today you have to be an agronomist, botanist, chemist, the HR rep, the motivational speaker and the teacher all wrapped in one. We, as members of the STMA, have an opportunity to increase awareness of all the great accomplishments we do on a daily basis.

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