

STMA Announces its 2014 Slate of Candidates, Bylaws Amendment

THE STMA NOMINATING COMMITTEE has announced the association's Slate of Candidates for the 2014 Board of Directors election, which they will officially present to the membership in late November. In addition to voting for the Board candidates, the membership will also be asked to vote on a Bylaws change that will further clarify the membership category of a Sports Turf Manager.

The Slate of Candidates includes:

Officers

Immediate Past President, James Michael Goatley Jr., Ph.D., Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

President, David Pinsonneault, CSFM, CPRP, Town of Lexington, Lexington, MA

President-Elect, Allen Johnson, CSFM, Green Bay Packers, Green Bay, WI

Commercial VP, James Graff, Graff's Turf Farms, Inc., Ft. Morgan, CO

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Tarantino, CSFM, Poway Unified School District, Poway, CA
or, Jeff Salmond, CSFM, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Directors

*Professional Facilities, Phil McQuade, Dick's Sporting Goods Park, Commerce City, CO

Higher Education, Tim Van Loo, CSFM, Iowa State University, Ames, IA or, David Schlotthauer, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

*Schools K-12, Andrew Gossel, Covenant Christian High School, Indianapolis, IN

Academic, Jeffrey Fowler, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Franklin, PA or, Brad Fresenburg, Ph.D., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Parks and Recreation, Sarah Martin, CSFM, City of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ or, Brian Winka, CSFM, City of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO

Commercial Representative, vacant due to James Graff being slated for VP Commercial; (to be appointed by the President, per Bylaws)

At-Large (Elected), Brad Jakubowski, Doane College, Lincoln, NE or, Kevin Mercer, CSFM, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

*in second year of 2-year term

The President also has one additional appointment to make, the Appointed At-Large position. Both the Appointed and the Elected At-Large positions are 1-year terms, as are the Officer Positions. Director positions are 2-year terms.

Go to STMA.org to read the bios of the candidates. Ballots will be sent electronically in late November.

Members of the Nominating Committee include: Chair, Immediate Past President Troy Smith, CSFM, Mike Andresen, CSFM, Chris Calcaterra, M. Ed., CSFM, CPRP, Darian Daily, Dale Getz, CSFM, CSE, Jody Gill, CSFM, Abby McNeal, CSFM, Andrew McNitt, Ph.D., Mary Owen, Don Savard, CSFM, Mike Trigg, CSFM, and Lynda Wightman.

Bylaws Amendment

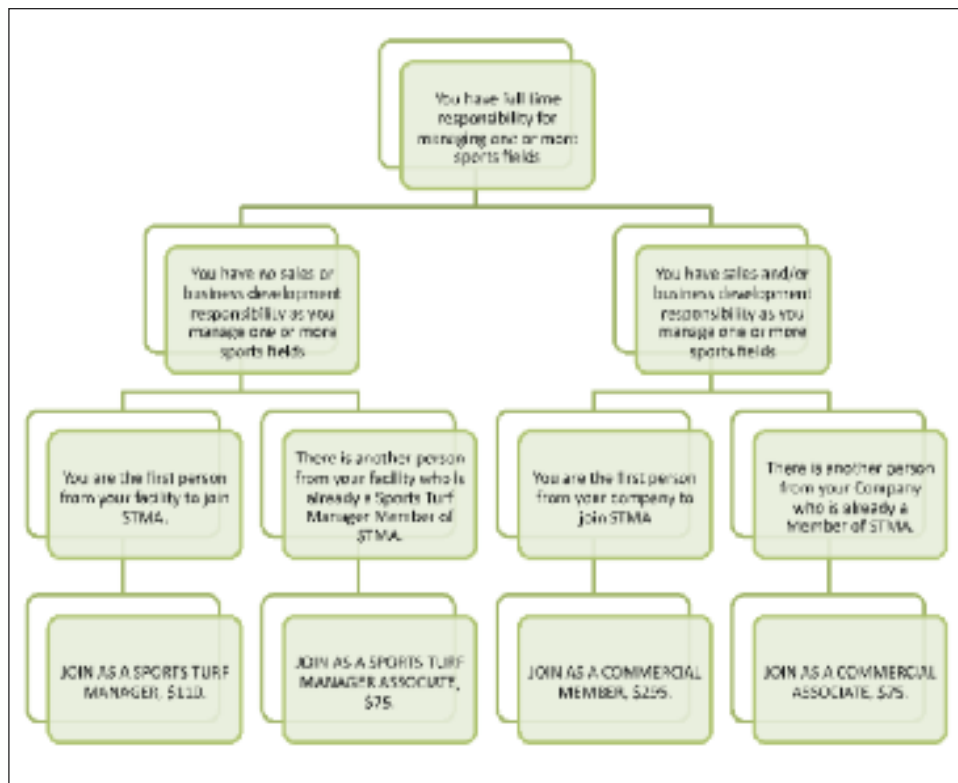
Early this year, the Bylaws Committee was asked to review membership categories 1 - Sports Turf Managers and 3 - Commercial, to be certain that they each clearly define who is eligible to be classified in each. After careful review, the Committee identified situations where there are gray areas in the current language. They presented to the Board at its summer meeting their recommendations on how to clarify the Sports Turf Manager category (1), which the Board supported. The Board subsequently took action on the recommendation at its fall Board meeting and is recommending the amendment noted below be made to the Category I description (addition is noted in BOLD). This amendment will be included with the Election ballot in November.

PROPOSED: 3.3.1 Category 1 - Sports Turf Manager: Person with primary responsibility of employment in the management/maintenance of sports field(s) and has no responsibility to sell or promote services and/or products, upon payment of dues and being accepted for membership, may become an active voting member in STMA and is eligible to hold elective office.

CURRENT: 3.3.1 Category I – Sports Turf Manager: Person with primary responsibility of employment in the management/maintenance of sports field(s) upon payment of dues and being accepted for membership, may become an active voting member in STMA and is eligible to hold elective office.

If approved, the amendment will be officially adopted on January 23, 2014, during the STMA annual meeting.

Members of the Bylaws Committee include: Chair Mike Trigg, CSFM, Chris Calcaterra, M.Ed., CSFM, CPRP, Jesse Driver, CSFM, Jody Gill, CSFM, Mary Owen, Troy Smith, CSFM, Scott Phippen, and Jay Warnick, CSFM.



◀ **THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE** developed a decision making tree to help membership determine the appropriate membership category.