

STMA announces its Conference Schedule

THE STMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE has been set. It includes several new events and officially starts on Wednesday, January 22. The printed conference brochure and the online version will be available October 1.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TUES., JAN. 21

- 6:30 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 6:30 am – 6:30 pm Registration Open
- 7 am – 5 pm Full Day Seminar on Wheels
- 9:00 am – 4 pm SAFE Golf Tournament
- 2:30 – 5 pm STMA Academy: 400+ level education included in full conference price
- 3:30 – 7:30 pm STMA Certification Exam
- 6 – 9 pm Chapter Officer Training (includes dinner)

WED., JAN. 22

- 7 – 8 am Continental Breakfast
- 7 am – 6:30 pm Registration Open at Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
- 8 – 9:15 am General Session (New Time!): STMA Past, Present and Future. Keynote Address: “Skills to Survive in the Future” – Dr. Rick Rigsby, Educator & Former Broadcaster
- 9:30 am – 12 pm Conference Education
- 12 – 2 pm Break
- 12 – 2 pm Women’s Forum Lunch: New Time & Format!
- 2 – 5 pm Conference Education
- 5:15 – 6:15 pm Conference Networking Sessions
- 6:30 – 7:00 pm First-Timers Reception
- 7 – 10 pm Welcome Reception & Casino Night

THURS., JAN. 23

- 6:45 – 7:45 am Certification Breakfast

- 7 – 8 am Continental Breakfast
- 7 am – 6:30 pm Registration Open
- 8 am – 12 pm Conference Education & Student Track
- 12 – 1:15 pm Annual Meeting & Lunch
- 1:30 – 6:30 pm SAFE Silent Auction on the trade show floor
- 1:30 – 7 pm STMA Exhibition - Dessert and Reception
- 2 – 6 pm Committee meetings on the trade show floor

FRI., JAN. 24

- 7 – 8 am Continental Breakfast
- 7 – 8 am Past President’s Breakfast
- 7 am – 1 pm Registration Open
- 8:30 – 10:00 am Conference Education
- 8 – 10:30 am Student Challenge
- 9 – 10 am Commercial Member Meeting
- 10 am – 12:30 pm Silent Auction on the trade show floor
- 10 am – 1 pm Exhibition Open with Lunch, Innovative Sessions
- 12 – 1 pm Student Luncheon New Event!
- 1 – 5 pm Half Day Seminar on Wheels New Time!
- 1:15 – 3 pm Conference Education
- 2 – 3 pm Riverwalk Horticultural Tour via barge (1st departure) New Event!
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm Riverwalk Horticultural Tour via barge (2nd departure) New Event!
- 3 pm – 5 pm SAFE 5K Run/Walk New Event!
- 6:30 – 10 pm STMA Reception, Live Auction and Awards Banquet

SAT., JAN. 25

- 8 am – 12 pm STMA Certification Exam
- 8 am – 1 pm ASBA Certification Exam

Important STMA Deadline: October 15

OCTOBER 15 MARKS the deadline to submit applications for several of STMA’s programs. To access the applications, go on line at www.STMA.org

Field of the Year

This highly competitive program recognizes the work of sports turf managers for five field types: Baseball, Football, Soccer, Softball and Sporting Grounds. For each field type, awards may be given in three categories: Professional, College and University, and Schools and Parks.

Founders Awards

STMA’s Founders’ Awards are named after its four founders. These awards are STMA’s most prestigious and recognize those members who have made significant contributions to STMA or to the profession.

Innovative Awards

Open to commercial members whose companies are exhibiting at the annual conference, these awards highlight significant advancements in technology, products and services that improve the sports turf management profession.

Student Scholarships

Funded through The SAFE Foundation, undergraduate and graduate scholarships are awarded to high achieving students pursuing degrees in sports turf management or turfgrass research.

Educational Grants

Also funded through The SAFE Foundation, two grants are available: one for a turfgrass student who has completed an internship, and one for a practitioner to fund travel expenses to the annual STMA Conference.