CSFM program nearly eclipses record

In 2013, the STMA Certified Sports Field Managers (CSFM) Program added 19 members to its rolls. This is the second highest number of members certified in one year. In 2010, there were 22 members who attained this designation, which is the highest in the program’s history. The CSFM program began in 2000, and it currently has 169 certified members.

The program was established to validate the experience and qualifications of a sports turf manager. Those seeking certification must attain 40 points before being able to take the exam. Points are gained through a combination of formal education and work experience. The four-part exam covers agronomics, sports specific management, pest management and administration. Those testing may elect to take the test at the annual STMA conference or at a location and time convenient to them by using a proctor. Continuing education and service to the industry are also required to maintain the CSFM designation.

Consider adding value to your employer and to your personal marketability by becoming certified. CSFMs also are paid more. On average, a CSFM makes $7,500 annually more than a non-certified member.

To find out more about the certification program and what it can do for you, go to www.STMA.org, and click on Certification under the Professionalism Tab.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013!
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