

Committee service is calling you!

“Committees are the workhorses of STMA, says CEO Kim Heck. “They make our job at headquarters so enjoyable and so much more effective.”

STMA is considered a small-staff association in the world of associations, but it has something that many of the large associations do not: a strong culture of Committee Volunteerism.

Committees have helped advance the work of STMA by providing insight and resources for current programs and ideas for future services. The nearly 200 volunteers who participate annually are provided various tasks short and longer-term—to help STMA achieve its strategic plan.

The President of STMA annually appoints each committee chair, and all of STMA’s membership is invited to volunteer. Consider yourself invited!

To help streamline the process of volunteering, STMA has moved it online, at www.STMA.org, where members are asked to select one committee on which they are interested in volunteering. Our incoming President Pinsonneault asks for some flexibility and consideration from the membership to place volunteers where there is a need, if a particular committee is full. It is his intention to place all volunteers on a committee for the 2014 committee year, which begins March 1.

Available Committees, their purposes and the estimated time volunteers will spend is noted below. All committees meet primarily via conference call, as necessary.

- **Awards:** To judge the association’s awards program applicants selecting the Field of the Year winners and the Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year; to develop strategies to enhance the programs (approx. 12 hours mid-Oct. to mid-Nov.).

- **Bylaws:** To develop association bylaws, which are fair and enforceable, and clearly define the expectations for membership, governance processes and board of directors’ service (approx. 3 hours per year).

- **Certification:** To develop strategies to grow the number of certified members; to consistently monitor the program and recommend enhancements to ensure that the program is the top achievement for sports

turf managers (approx. 12 hours per year; also asked to volunteer to grade Student Challenge exams during the conference).

- **Chapter Relations:** To create a chapter structure that is beneficial locally and nationally; to financially assist chapters with their administrative, operations and educational efforts; to facilitate the sharing of best practices (approx. 6 hours a year).

- **Conference:** (Conference Education, Exhibition, and Tours subcommittees) To develop all content, sessions, workshops and off-site venues, and select speakers and moderators for the next year’s conference that will make it a “must attend” event for members and nonmembers; to recommend strategies that will drive attendance to the exhibition and will add value to exhibitors. (Education, approx. 12 hours over 2 months; Exhibition, approx. 4 hours per year; Tours, approx. 6 hours per year.)

- **Commercial Membership:** To recommend specific strategies to grow commercial membership and to develop benefits and value for our commercial members (approx. 4 hours per year).

- **Editorial:** To insure that the STMA magazine contains information relevant to the sports turf manager; to provide ideas and contacts for articles for publication (approx. 4 hours per year).

- **Environmental:** To develop environmental strategies that position STMA and its members as leaders in environmental stewardship and the related health and safety issues that impact fans and players (approx. 15 hours per year).

- **Ethics:** To provide a fair and unbiased council to investigate claims of ethics violations, determine if the claim has merit, and shepherd the appeals process. This Committee is called into operation only if there is an ethics violation claim (approx. 15 hours, if engaged).

- **Finance & Audit:** To provide oversight of the STMA’s financial resources by reporting information to the Board of Directors (approx. 6 hours per year).

- **Historical:** To preserve the history of the association and the profession (approx. 24 hours per year).

- **Information Outreach:** To develop educational and informational opportunities for members to enhance their personal and professional development (approx. 12 hours per year).

- **International:** To position STMA as a global leader in sports facility management and make STMA the “go-to” resource for those who work internationally in the industry (approx. 8 hours per year).

- **Membership:** To develop initiatives to drive membership growth and retention; to recommend programs that add value for each member (approx. 8 hours per year).

- **Nominating:** The Immediate Past President chairs this committee and selects its members. It must have representation from each category of membership (not available for general committee sign-up).

- **Past President’s Advisory Council:** Purpose: To advise the STMA Board on issues pertaining to the past, present and future of STMA (limited to STMA Past Presidents)

- **Scholarship:** To judge the recipients of the SAFE Scholarships, the Terry Mellor Educational Grant and the Gary Vandenburg Internship Grant; to develop strategies to enhance these programs (approx. 12 hours over 1 month, mid-Oct. to mid-Nov.).

- **Student Challenge:** To develop the annual student challenge exam questions, answer key, and protocols; assist in proctoring the exam as needed (approx. 8 hours per year and volunteering at the conference).

- **Student Membership:** To recommend specific strategies to grow student membership; to provide students with appropriate resources and services as they move to their first job post-college (approx. 6 hours per year).

Technical Standards: To help determine standards and best management practices needed in the profession and to guide the work of the ASTM on developing sports field and facility standards (approx. 4 hours per year).

- **Turfgrass Curriculum Task Group:** To develop and implement strategies to best utilize the STMA turfgrass curriculum (approx. 12 hours per year).

- **Website:** To insure that the STMA website contains information relevant to mem-

bers, prospects and the green industry in an easily accessible and consumable format (approx. 4 hours per year).

STMA would like to thank its 2013 Committee Volunteers. They are:

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STMA & SAFE Report Audit Findings

STMA and its charitable arm, The SAFE Foundation, undergo an annual audit, which is conducted by an independent auditing firm. In 2013, STMA changed auditors after 5 years with the same firm, a practice recommended in the corporate world. STMA adopted that practice to insure the highest level of transparency and confidence in its results for its membership.

Pickett, Chaney & McMullen, LLP, (PCM) completed its work in June and reported the results to the STMA and SAFE Boards in July. The opinion of PCM confirms that STMA uses accepted accounting practices, has a solid financial basis, and has no evidence of fraud. "In our opinion, the combined financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sports Turf Managers Association and Affiliate as of Dec. 31, 2012, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America," stated Chris Chaney.

STMA	2012
Revenues, Gains and Other Support:	\$ 1,154,399
Expenses	\$ 1,134,509
	\$ 19,890
SAFE	
Revenues, Gains and Other Support:	\$37,279
Expenses	\$42,627
	\$(5,348)

For more detailed information, contact STMA headquarters, 800-323-3875.

STMA announces Minor League Sports Turf Manager of the Year winners

STMA and Minor League Baseball (MiLB) are pleased to report the winners of the annual MiLB Sports Turf Manager of the Year awards. Each league in MiLB conducts a survey to select their league's sports turf manager winner. These surveys include input from nearly 30 different stakeholders rating these STMA members on 11 different criteria. These winners subsequently submit an application to the STMA, and a panel of independent judges rates them on a variety of criteria including staff, budget, events, cultural practices, game day routine, plus field safety and other factors.

The MiLB and STMA are pleased to announce the following winners:
 AAA—Chris Ball, Gwinnett Braves, International League
 AA—Brock Phipps, Springfield Cardinals, Texas League
 A—Keith Winter, Ft. Wayne TinCaps, Midwest League
 Short Season or Rookie—Bryan Barkley, Connecticut Tigers, New York-Penn League

STMA CEO Kim Heck presented these winners with their awards during the Baseball Winter Meetings, MiLB Annual Awards Luncheon, December 9, 2013 in Orlando.

Gwinnett Braves' Coolray Field

