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STMA 2015 Board of Directors nominations are open

The STMA Nominating Committee invites voting members to submit their interest in serving on the 2015 STMA Board of Directors.

All volunteers must be voting members of STMA. The Director positions that are open include:

- **Professional** - Must be a Sports Turf Manager or Sports Turf Manager Associate who manages sports fields used by professional athletes.

- **K-12** - Must be a Sports Turf Manager or Sports Turf Manager Associate who manages sports fields for institutions that provide education to students in grades K-12.

- **Commercial** - Must be a consultant, architect, designer, contractor, management company, distributor, manufacturer, in sales, etc. The company must be engaged in a com-

mercial enterprise providing services and/or products to the sports turf profession.

At-Large (elected) - Voting member from any category of membership.

- The STMA Board of Directors sets policy and strategic direction for the programs and services of the association and is accountable to the membership. Board members meet four times per year for a day-and-a-half meeting, chair one or more committees, and have responsibilities during the Annual Conference and Exhibition. The board meetings are held in January, March, July and October and are typically located at a future or potential conference location. STMA covers the costs for its board members to participate in these meetings.

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of a board member, contact

STMAinfo@STMA.org or by phone, 800-323-3875 to request a copy of STMA's Board of Directors Handbook.

To have your name considered to be placed on the ballot by the Nominating Committee, go to STMA.org, fill out a Board Volunteer Interest form and submit it by August 29. Per the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee is chaired by the Immediate Past President, who is James Michael Goatley, Jr. PhD. A member from each category of membership up for election must be represented on the Nominating Committee. The committee will begin its work to refine the slate in September and October. The slate will be provided to the membership through an electronic ballot in late November. New Board Members will take office during the STMA Annual Meeting on January 15, 2015. ■

STMA's Environmental Facility Certification program begins Phase I of its pilot

The STMA Environmental Committee is piloting the first iteration of an environmental assessment tool. Six sports turf managers volunteered to implement it and provide feedback on its relevancy, utility and applicability. The information from these volunteers will help the committee adjust the self-assessment tool so that it can test it with a broader group in Phase 2. Phase 1 should be

completed by the end of this month; Phase 2 by November. A full roll-out of the program is planned at the 2015 STMA Annual Conference in January in Denver.

The electronic assessment tool includes sections on General Facility & Resource Information, Stormwater Management, Fertilization, Pesticide Management and Integrated Pest Management, Recycling, Composting, Mowing, Energy Conservation, Shop Buildings and Storage Areas, Irrigation, and Educational Outreach.

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Members of the 2014 Environmental Committee include Chairman Tim Van Loo,

CSFM; Ryan Bjorn; Amy Brackin; Richard Calarco, CSFM; Jim Catella; Steve Dugas, CSFM; Blair Elliot; Beth Guertal, PhD; Kevin Mercer, CSFM; Justin Moss, PhD; Dean Pearson; Joel Rieker; Gwen Stahnke, PhD; Mike Trigg, CSFM; Gary Tubesing; Vickie Wallace; Rich Watson; and Barret Werner.

This environmental focus has been underway since 2010 when a Task Group was appointed by President Chris Calcaterra, M.Ed., CSFM, CPRP under the leadership of Jody Gill, CSFM. It was installed as a standing committee in 2011 by President Troy Smith, CSFM, and led by Chairman Kevin Trotta. For the next 2 years, Mike Tarantino, CSFM, chaired the committee as it began developing this concept, and creating environmental tools and resources for members. ■

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