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SAFE

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Fields

SAFE hires intern and expands educational outreach

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Fields for Everyone (The SAFE Foundation) has hired a summer intern. Kenzie Jay, who will be a senior in the fall in Strategic Communications at the University of Kansas, is focused on develop-

ing content for SAFE's website, SafeFields.org. She is interviewing previous scholarship and grant recipients to find out where they are today, promoting and soliciting for SAFE's annual fundraising events, and expanding its social media presence.

In addition, she will be working on SAFE's new educational videos that target volunteers, parents, coaches and youth athletes on how to maintain a field. SAFE's videos will be available at SafeFields.org in late summer

FIELD OF THE YEAR



Awards Programs: Field of the Year & Innovative applications are ready

Two of STMA's important awards programs have updated applications online. Go to STMA.org and click on the Professionalism tab, then on each awards program.

Field of the Year recognizes those members who have managed their fields using ingenuity, solid maintenance and cultural programs, and environmental stewardship, while maximizing budget dollars and resources. Awards are given to fields for baseball, softball, soccer, football and sporting grounds at the schools/parks level, collegiate level and professional level. Winners are recognized with a plaque presented at the STMA Awards Banquet, signature clothing, and in an issue of *SportsTurf* magazine. Three complimentary hotel nights at the STMA conference are also provided to winners.

The Innovative Award program has been adjusted to provide more value to STMA's commercial members. For the 2015 awards program, which will be judged this year, commercial members have a 2-year time period in which to introduce a new product,

service, or piece of equipment and apply for an Innovative Award. Previously, it was one year; it had to be introduced sometime following the current exhibition and shown at the next exhibition. The new, 2-year time period will allow those submitting the opportunity to apply two times for an innovative award with that same innovation. This will provide more time for the innovation to garner visibility, testimonials and real-world use.

President David Pinsonneault appointed a new task group, the Innovative Awards Task Group, to review previous procedures because no Innovative Awards were given this year. In addition to the expanded time period for introduction, the Task Group recommends that a separate committee of non-commercial members judge the program, rather than the Awards Committee, which is heavily involved in judging the Field of the Year and Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year. More media promotion of the winning innovation is also being planned in addition to its current recognition. STMA presents

its winner(s) with an award during the trade show, signage at the trade show, recognition during the annual awards banquet, and authorizes the use of a special logo for the winning innovation.

The Task Group encourages commercial companies to submit for this program. It is very important to the judging process to include why the company believes their product, service or equipment is innovative, and explain how it is being used in the marketplace to substantially enhance the effectiveness of the sports turf manager and/or make the playing surface safer and more playable. The Task group gives a broad definition to the meaning of innovation: products, services or equipment that are cutting edge and have never been seen.

The Task Group is chaired by Rene Asprion, and its members include Steve Bush, CSFM, Ben Polimer, Chad Price, CSFM, CFB and Matt Tobin.

The applications for both the Field of the Year and the Innovative programs are due October 15.

Standout students receive special one-time Watson Scholarship from Toro

To celebrate its centennial (100 years in business) year, the Toro Company recently requested and received applications for a special one-time scholarship. Several standout students were awarded the scholarship. They are Andrew Wilhelm, Purdue University; Kevin Hansen, Iowa State University; and Chrissie Segars, Oklahoma State University.

The new Dr. James R. Watson Legacy

Scholarship Program, funded by The Toro Giving Program, is a special one-time scholarship being given in celebration of The Toro Company's Centennial, which is in July. The scholarship honors long-time Toro agronomist Dr. James Watson who passed away Oct. 1, 2013.

Three \$2,000 scholarships were awarded through the SAFE Foundation, STMA's charitable foundation, to deserving collegiate

students who have at least one semester of education to complete before graduating. The scholarships were awarded to students who will attain a degree in sports turf management or comparable field of study from a two-year, four-year or graduate program.

In addition to the cash award, the students will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the Toro Sports Fields and Grounds Forum, being held July 28-31, 2014 in Minneapolis.

STMA recognizes its 5 & 10 year members

Thank you to STMA members who have reached the 5-year and 10-year milestones of membership. We salute you for your commitment to the profession! Through your support, you strengthen the industry, and you

make possible STMA's continued development of resources and educational programs that are the foundation of the value of membership.

These members received their service pins in May.

5-YEAR

Adamski	Julie	Fleming	Tim
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Peters	James
Peterson	Nephi
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Pifer	Tom
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10-YEAR

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