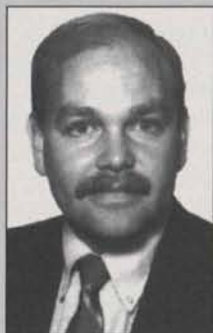


## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Greg Petry



**H**ave you ever wondered why people join an association like STMA? One way to examine the question is to look back at the origin and development of associations.

In the 17th century, common men would surround themselves with the brotherhood of their trade. These men immersed themselves in each other's lives. They worked together, lived together and enveloped each other with their common lives.

Even in the Old Testament, references are made to people of common occupations living and working together to share knowledge, train apprentices and ultimately, to leave a successor behind to carry on their trade.

People join associations for many reasons. Among the most common is a desire to advance common interests, to address political and educational needs and to protect the status of their profession and industry. With the roots and ties to the Old World guilds, associations today have evolved to occupy a unique and important place in society.

We learn early in our careers that by joining associations, we can accomplish what we could not do by ourselves.

So why do people join an association such as STMA? For the same reason we join other associations — to solve problems; to meet educational needs; to obtain information and to better oneself.

I personally feel that the most rewarding aspect of STMA membership is the development of professional relationships. It is so natural for people to share personal experiences (both good and bad) and information. As time goes on, your relationship with the contacts you have begins to form a network.

It's the network of friends and fellow professionals that make STMA membership so valuable!



## STMA CHAPTER NEWS

**Iowa STMA.** The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association will hold a Football Field Maintenance Practice and Care Workshop at Atlantic High School, Atlantic, IA on November 5 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. in the high school auditorium. Morning sessions include: Welcome and Introduction of Speakers, 8:30 a.m.; "Turf Grass Selection of Sports Fields" presented by Dr. Eldon Everhart; "Setting Up a Fertilizer Program for Your Field" by Mike McCaffrey; "Aerification on Compacted Fields" by Dale Roe; "Pest and Weed Control" by Dr. Everhart; "Mowing Tips" presented by Bill Antons; and "Traffic Control on Fields," also by Antons.

Afternoon sessions include: "Painting and Marking Fields," "Putting Your Field Away for Winter," and "Planning Next Season's Turf Program."

For more information about the workshop, contact McCaffrey at (712) 792-8010 or Dr. Everhart, (712) 755-3104. For information about the Iowa Chapter or other chapter activities, call Gary Peterson at (515) 791-0765.

**STMA Florida Chapter #1.** The Florida Chapter will hold a meeting at the University of Miami's Mark Light Stadium on November 15, beginning at 10 a.m. The program will focus on the conversion of the field from artificial to

natural turf. Kevin Hardy will host the meeting.

For more information about the meeting or other chapter activities, call John Mascaro, (305) 938-7477.

**Chesapeake Chapter STMA.** Do you plan to attend the National STMA Meeting in Florida? Will you be leaving from the Baltimore area? Would you like to make the trip with other Chesapeake Chapter members? If so, contact Art Downing at (410) 313-7254.

The Chesapeake Chapter postponed its Regional Institute until the spring of 1995. One workshop will revolve around the installation of an irrigation system on a soccer field at Worcester, MD, City Parks Department. Mike Howell of the Worcester Parks Department will help coordinate the program.

A Field Day will be held in Bowie, MD, at the new baseball complex of the Double-A Bowie Bay Sox. Jimmy Juergens, director of field maintenance for the complex will coordinate the program.

Chesapeake Chapter board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month from 4-6 p.m. For information on the chapter or any upcoming activities, call the Chapter Hotline, (301) 865-0667, or Downing at (410) 313-7254.

**Midwest Chapter STMA.** The Midwest Chapter of the STMA is one of

the 10 allied turfgrass organizations co-sponsoring the North Central Turfgrass Exposition, which is scheduled for November 28-30 at the Pheasant Run Resort & ExpoCenter in St. Charles, IL. The conference will address the needs of seasoned turfgrass professionals as well as offer introductory material, including five sessions of a "Back to Basics" program. Over 100 firms will exhibit at the trade show in the Pheasant Run MegaCenter.

A designated Sports Turf session is set for Tuesday, November 29, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The program includes: "Planning and Constructing Athletic Fields on a Tight Budget," presented by Norm Hummel; "Assessing Athletic Field Quality and Safety," by Mark Altman; "Maintaining Turf Density," by Dr. Ken Diesburg; and "Managing Water for Sports Fields," by Dr. Clark Throssell.

Midwest Chapter board meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month. For information on the chapter, the NCTE or other upcoming events, call the Chapter Hotline, (708) 439-4727 or Marc Van Landuyt, (708) 367-7828.

**The Heartland Chapter STMA.** Matt Hoops, director of maintenance for the Gladstone, MO City Parks and Recreation Department, is the new acting president of The Heartland



Chapter STMA. Announcements of the chapter's upcoming events will be released soon.

For information on chapter activities, call Hoops at (816) 436-2200 or Jack Schwarz at (816) 792-2808 or (800) 344-8873.

**Minnesota STMA.** The Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association is one of eight "green industry" member Associations of the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation that are cooperating in the conference scheduled for December 7-9 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The chapter's annual meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on December 8 at the Convention Center. Meeting highlights include the election of officers and committee assignments for 1995, as well as a "preview" of coming events. Details will be announced soon.

A Sports Turf Seminar, sponsored by Turf Supply Company of Eagan, MN, is scheduled for November 29, 8 a.m. to noon. The meeting location will be announced soon. This seminar will focus on interpreting soil sample results and examination of infield mixes. For more details on this seminar, contact John or Rick at (612) 454-3106.

For information about the conference, call Scott Turtinen of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association, (612) 473-0557.

For information about the chapter, the annual meeting or future chapter activities, call: Tom Rudberg, (612) 962-6545; Mike McDonald, (612) 625-6097; or Brian Deyak, (612) 255-7223.

**New England Chapter STMA.** For information about the chapter or its upcoming activities, call Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts, (508) 892-0382.

**Southern California Chapter STMA.** For information on the Southern California Chapter, or its upcoming activities, call Chris Bunnell, (619) 350-9340.

**Colorado Chapter STMA.** For more information on the chapter or its future activities, call Joe Adams, (303) 350-9340.

## Organic Dust Warning

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) warns of a risk for developing organic dust toxic syndrome (ODTS), a common respiratory illness that may follow exposure to organic dust contaminated with microorganisms. Workers are typically exposed to this dust when shoveling or moving organic materials such as composted leaves.

An estimated 30- to 40 percent of workers exposed to organic dust will

develop the disease. The syndrome is characterized by fever occurring four to 12 hours after exposure, and flu-like symptoms such as general weakness, headache, chills, body aches and cough. The disease may also bring on a shortness of breath, impaired pulmonary function, and increased white-blood-cell count.

The symptoms usually disappear within 24 hours to a few days after the worker is removed from the exposure.



## Is Your Field the Best in the Country? Does Your Research Program Deserve Recognition?

### If you would like to offer a nomination for the **STMA 1994 Awards, *now is the time.***

**STMA** recognizes that sports turf managers make personal and professional contributions to our industry and the organization they serve. We encourage you to participate in the awards program. **STMA's** 1994 Awards Program is open to all interested parties.

This year, the following awards will be bestowed at the:

**STMA Annual Awards Banquet,**

February 6, 1995 in Bradenton, Florida:

- ✓ **STMA/Beam Clay/sportsTURF Baseball Diamond of the Year Awards**
- ✓ **STMA Football Field of the Year Award**
- ✓ **STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award**
- ✓ **STMA Excellence in Research Award**

Municipal, College and Professional categories are offered for each Field of the Year award. All nomination material must be submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined for each award. The awards committee will judge information submitted by the nominator. All nominations must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, November 30, 1994.

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