

## SAFE Grant opportunities help practitioners and interns

The **SAFE Foundation** has been funding scholarships since its inception in 2000. In 2009, it added its first Educational Grant and a second educational grant was added in 2011.

The Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant, sponsored by Turface Athletics, awards \$1,000 to its winner to attend the STMA Conference and Exhibition, which is held annually in January. All members of an STMA-affiliated chapter are eligible to win, and must be nominated through a letter of recommendation by a National STMA Member.

This award serves as a remembrance of Terry Mellor, brother of long time professional groundskeeper David R. Mellor. David is currently Director of Grounds with the Boston Red Sox. This scholarship is in keeping with the commitment to professional development through continuing education, a philosophy shared by the Mellor brothers.

STMA also provides a complimentary confer-

ence registration to the winner, and the winner is recognized at the Association's annual Awards Banquet, held at the conference. Winners of this grant include: Weston Floyd, University of Texas/Tyler, 2011; Kevin Fernandez, White Bear Lake School District, White Bear Lake, MN, 2010; and Eddie Atherton, City of Owensboro, Owensboro, KY, 2009.

The SAFE Foundation introduced its second grant in 2011. The Gary Vanden Berg Internship Grant honors Gary Vanden Berg, CSFM, for his contributions to the industry in promoting internships. Gary was the Director of Grounds for the Milwaukee Brewers until his death last October and his commitment to creating an excellent learning experience for interns was legendary throughout the MLB and the entire sports turf industry.

This grant is awarded in late fall for an internship completed during the spring or summer of that year. STMA Student Members in

good standing who are currently enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours or were enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours in the semester just before the internship are eligible to submit for the \$1,000 grant. The grant is intended to offset the costs a student may have incurred while interning. In addition to receiving the \$1,000 grant, the winner also receives a full conference registration and 3 nights lodging at the next STMA National Conference and Exhibition, where he/she will be introduced during the Awards Program. The 2011 winner was Aaron Bryant, from the University of Tennessee. Aaron interned with the New York Mets. If you are interested in donating to the Gary Vanden Berg grant, contact STMA headquarters at 800-323-3875.

The STMA Scholarship Committee selects the Terry Mellor and Gary Vanden Berg grant winners. ■

## Reservations NOW OPEN at the Daytona Hilton

**STMA heads to Daytona Beach for its 2013 Annual Conference and Exhibition, January 15-19, 2013, and you can reserve your room**

**you can reserve your room by calling 386-254-8200**

The Hilton Daytona Beach Resort/Ocean Walk Village, STMA's host hotel, is right across the street from the Convention Center. Room rates are \$159. Although this rate is offered until December 22, the conference hotel this year in Long Beach sold out quickly, so book your reservations early.



## Board service—a very rewarding volunteer experience

**“Serving on the board** is the best thing you can do to grow yourself and the industry,” says Abby McNeal, CSFM, who served on STMA's Board of Directors from 2003 through 2010.

The STMA Nominating Committee shares McNeal's philosophy as it issues the annual “Call for Nominations” to STMA voting members. Through this “Call” members are asked to consider board service, or to urge a qualified colleague to consider service.

The benefits are many. In addition to personal growth, McNeal cites other rewards. “Working with others that are passionate about the success of the members of our industry is very gratifying,” she says. “The members of our association have so much to offer, and they are the reason the board works so hard.”

Other benefits of board service include:

- Contribute to your professional association.
- Be a part of a decision-making body.
- Hone your listening, collaborative and other personal development skills.
- Strengthen your leadership abilities.
- Make a difference in the strategic direction of the profession.
- Garner respect from your employer, your peers and your staff.

In 2013, the Director Positions that are up for election include:

- Sports Turf Manager representing Facilities used by Professional Athletes
- Commercial Director
- Sports Turf Manager representing Schools K-12

- At-Large (any category)

All Directors will be elected to a 2-year term except for the At-Large Director, who is elected to a 1-year term.

The STMA Board of Directors sets policy and strategic direction for the programs and services STMA provides and is accountable to its membership. Individual Board Member responsibilities are to:

- Attend and actively participate in quarterly board meetings (4 per year): January, March, July, & October.
- Chair one or more committees.
- Attend special events, as needed.
- Attend and actively participate in the annual conference.

For more information on board member duties, please contact headquarters at STMAinfo@STMA.org or ph. 800-323-3875, for a copy of the Board Handbook. To have your name considered by the Nominating Committee, please go to [www.STMA.org](http://www.STMA.org) and fill out the electronic Board Service Interest Form. Be sure to answer the two brief questions included on the form. The deadline to submit your interest is August 31. ■

# Still time to register for Mid-American Regional Conference in Cincinnati

**Registration is continuing** for the upcoming Mid-American Regional Conference, June 26-27 in Cincinnati, OH. Hosted by STMA with the support of several chapters including the Ohio (host), Illinois, KAFMO, Kentucky, Michigan, and Tennessee Valley chapters, the educational event is a must-attend for anyone who deals with turf for athletic fields.

CEUs from GCSAA, NRPA, NIAAA, ASBA, PLANET, IA, ONLA, and ASLA will be offered and Pesticide Recertification Credits will be offered for the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Pesticide Recertification Credits from Tennessee are pending.

See the chart below for more information on registration rates for the event and ticket prices. Registration will include all education, entrance to the exhibition and most meals. The group will also be taking in a night at the ballpark, watching the Reds take on the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night, for an additional fee.



Online registration is open, and there are discounts for registering on-line! STMA has also negotiated an \$80 rate at the Millennium Hotel in downtown Cincinnati, within walking distance of the events, stadiums

| Who you are  | Your rate | Cost to join us at the Reds game (optional). All ticket orders must be received by June 15.  | Your Total | Last Day to Receive this Rate |
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| Individual STMA or Chapter Member Registering Online   | \$95.00   | \$14.00  | \$109.00   | 6/15/2012                     |
| Individual STMA or Chapter Member Registering via Mail/Fax   | \$105.00  | \$14.00  | \$119.00   | 6/15/2012                     |
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| Any Person or Persons Registering On-Site  | \$149.00  | Reds tickets not available to any on-site registrants. Tickets in our section may be available for purchase through the Reds Ticket Office for \$22 apiece. Seats in STMA group not guaranteed | \$149.00   | On-Site                       |
| Any two or more people registering at the same time (contact STMA for instructions on how to obtain group pricing) | \$75.00   | \$14.00  | \$89.00    | 6/15/2012                     |

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407-518-2347, Scott Grace, [scott@sundome.org](mailto:scott@sundome.org)

**Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association:** [www.gatewaystma.org](http://www.gatewaystma.org).

**Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association:**  
[www.gstma.org](http://www.gstma.org).

**Greater L.A. Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:** [www.stmalabasin.com](http://www.stmalabasin.com).

**Illinois Chapter STMA:** [www.ILSTMA.org](http://www.ILSTMA.org).

**Intermountain Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:** [www.imstma.org](http://www.imstma.org).

**Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:**  
[www.iowaturfgrass.org](http://www.iowaturfgrass.org).

**Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:**  
[www.kystma.org](http://www.kystma.org).

**Keystone Athletic Field Managers Org. (KAFMO/STMA):** [www.kafmo.org](http://www.kafmo.org).

**Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA):** [www.mistma.org](http://www.mistma.org).

**Minnesota Park and Sports Turf Managers Association:** [www.mpstma.org](http://www.mpstma.org)

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[www.nestma.org](http://www.nestma.org).

**Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey:** [www.sfmanj.org](http://www.sfmanj.org).

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**North Carolina Chapter of STMA:**  
[www.ncsportsturf.org](http://www.ncsportsturf.org).

**Northern California STMA:** [www.norcalstma.org](http://www.norcalstma.org).

**Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA):** [www.ostma.org](http://www.ostma.org).

**Oklahoma Chapter STMA:**  
405-744-5729; Contact: Dr. Justin Moss

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**Southern California Chapter:**  
[www.socalstma.com](http://www.socalstma.com).

**South Carolina Chapter of STMA:**  
[www.scstma.org](http://www.scstma.org).

**Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA):** [www.tvstma.com](http://www.tvstma.com).

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[www.txstma.org](http://www.txstma.org)

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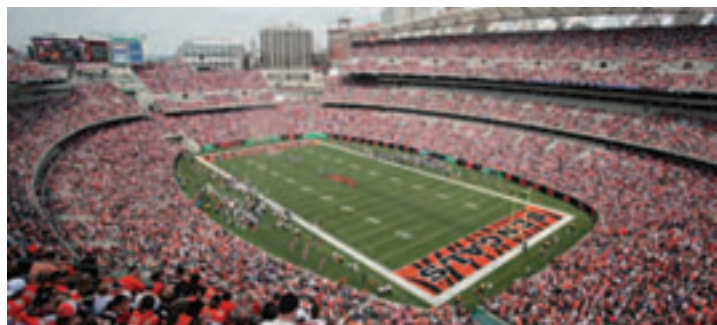
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and nightlife. Keep checking [www.STMA.org](http://www.STMA.org) and your email inbox for the most up-to-date information regarding the event.

STMA would like to thank Barenbrug, Century Equipment, Fairmount Sports+Recreation, Hunter Industries, Oakwood Sod Farm, Pennington Seed, Pioneer Manufacturing, Redexim North America, Reynolds Golf and Turf, Turface, TurfTime Equipment and World Class Athletic Surfaces for sponsoring this event. Without the support of these companies, STMA would not be able to provide the high-quality educational opportunities our members enjoy.



Put June 26-27 on your schedule and start talking to your employer about attending this incredible educational opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact STMA at 800.323.3875 or [STMAInfo@STMA.org](mailto:STMAInfo@STMA.org). ■

### June 27 Exhibition

The exhibition on June 27 will feature the following companies who will be showing of their newest products and services:

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