

# STMA Announces its 2014 Slate of Candidates, Bylaws Amendment

**THE STMA NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has announced the association's Slate of Candidates for the 2014 Board of Directors election, which they will officially present to the membership in late November. In addition to voting for the Board candidates, the membership will also be asked to vote on a Bylaws change that will further clarify the membership category of a Sports Turf Manager.

The Slate of Candidates includes:

## Officers

Immediate Past President, James Michael Goatley Jr., Ph.D., Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

President, David Pinsonneault, CSFM, CPRP, Town of Lexington, Lexington, MA

President-Elect, Allen Johnson, CSFM, Green Bay Packers, Green Bay, WI

Commercial VP, James Graff, Graff's Turf Farms, Inc., Ft. Morgan, CO

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Tarantino, CSFM, Poway Unified School District, Poway, CA  
or, Jeff Salmond, CSFM, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

## Directors

\*Professional Facilities, Phil McQuade, Dick's Sporting Goods Park, Commerce City, CO

Higher Education, Tim Van Loo, CSFM, Iowa State University, Ames, IA or, David Schlotthauer, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

\*Schools K-12, Andrew Gossel, Covenant Christian High School, Indianapolis, IN

Academic, Jeffrey Fowler, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Franklin, PA or, Brad Fresenburg, Ph.D., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Parks and Recreation, Sarah Martin, CSFM, City of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ or, Brian Winka, CSFM, City of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO

Commercial Representative, vacant due to James Graff being slated for VP Commercial; (to be appointed by the President, per Bylaws)

At-Large (Elected), Brad Jakubowski, Doane College, Lincoln, NE or, Kevin Mercer, CSFM, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

\*in second year of 2-year term

The President also has one additional appointment to make, the Appointed At-Large position. Both the Appointed and the Elected At-Large positions are 1-year terms, as are the Officer Positions. Director positions are 2-year terms.

Go to STMA.org to read the bios of the candidates. Ballots will be sent electronically in late November.

Members of the Nominating Committee include: Chair, Immediate Past President Troy Smith, CSFM, Mike Andresen, CSFM, Chris Calcaterra, M. Ed., CSFM, CPRP, Darian Daily, Dale Getz, CSFM, CSE, Jody Gill, CSFM, Abby McNeal, CSFM, Andrew McNitt, Ph.D., Mary Owen, Don Savard, CSFM, Mike Trigg, CSFM, and Lynda Wightman.

## Bylaws Amendment

Early this year, the Bylaws Committee was asked to review membership categories 1 - Sports Turf Managers and 3 - Commercial, to be certain that they each clearly define who is eligible to be classified in each. After careful review, the Committee identified situations where there are gray areas in the current language. They presented to the Board at its summer meeting their recommendations on how to clarify the Sports Turf Manager category (1), which the Board supported. The Board subsequently took action on the recommendation at its fall Board meeting and is recommending the amendment noted below be made to the Category I description (addition is noted in BOLD). This amendment will be included with the Election ballot in November.

**PROPOSED:** 3.3.1 Category 1 - Sports Turf Manager: Person with primary responsibility of employment in the management/maintenance of sports field(s) and has no responsibility to sell or promote services and/or products, upon payment of dues and being accepted for membership, may become an active voting member in STMA and is eligible to hold elective office.

**CURRENT:** 3.3.1 Category I - Sports Turf Manager: Person with primary responsibility of employment in the management/maintenance of sports field(s) upon payment of dues and being accepted for membership, may become an active voting member in STMA and is eligible to hold elective office.

If approved, the amendment will be officially adopted on January 23, 2014, during the STMA annual meeting.

Members of the Bylaws Committee include: Chair Mike Trigg, CSFM, Chris Calcaterra, M.Ed., CSFM, CPRP, Jesse Driver, CSFM, Jody Gill, CSFM, Mary Owen, Troy Smith, CSFM, Scott Phippen, and Jay Warnick, CSFM.



◀ **THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE** developed a decision making tree to help membership determine the appropriate membership category.

# SAFE's new initiative for 2014

## THE FOUNDATION FOR SAFER ATHLETIC FIELDS FOR EVERYONE

(SAFE Foundation) seeks your support for a new initiative. In 2014, SAFE's focus will be to begin a crucial project of community education. This education will be provided to parents, coaches, players and volunteers, and it will teach them how to improve the safety of sports fields. This initiative kicks off in January 2014 in San Antonio. From there, it will expand throughout the US, focusing on the 33 geographic regions where the STMA has its local affiliated chapters. The training is being developed by industry experts, and your donation will help to insure a comprehensive train-the-trainer series as this program expands nationally.

STMA members collaboration and involvement is extremely important to help SAFE to continue to carry out its mission, which is to *enrich communities through championing safe, sustainable sports and recreation fields for all athletes.*

Through this new initiative, SAFE will actively contribute to the growth and enjoyment of outdoor sports activities, improve community health through physical activity and healthier living, and most importantly help to insure the safety of athletes on the playing field.

Please visit SAFE's new website, [SafeFields.org](http://SafeFields.org), to learn more about this program. Your donation of as little as \$15 can help us protect young athletes from injury.

## SAFE Board of Trustees:

**Cathy Bradley**, SAFE Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund

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**Ken Curry**, Vice President, Covermaster, Inc.

**Kim Heck**, Executive Director and CEO, Sports Turf Managers Association

**David B. Houseknecht**, Sr. VP of Administration/CFO, Little League International

**Allen Johnson**, CSFM, SAFE Vice-Chairman and Fields Manager for the Green Bay Packers

**Debra Kneeshaw**, Lead Park Techni-

cian, City of Portland Parks & Recreation

**Gil Landry, Jr., Ph.D.**, Retired Professor/Turfgrass Management, University of Georgia-Griffin Campus

**Chad Price**, CSFM, CFB, President, Carolina Green Corp.

**Doug Schattinger**, SAFE Treasurer and President of Pioneer Manufacturing

**Paula Sliefert**, Sr. Marketing Manager, The Toro Company

**Jay Warnick**, CSFM, Sports Turf Manager, The Kansas City Chiefs

**Steve Wightman**, SAFE Secretary and retired Sports Turf Manager

## STMA Affiliated Chapters Contact Information

**Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:** [www.azstma.org](http://www.azstma.org)

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**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)

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**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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**New England STMA (NESTMA):** [www.nestma.org](http://www.nestma.org)

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**Sports Turf Managers of New York:** [www.stmony.org](http://www.stmony.org)

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

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

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**Ozarks STMA:** [www.ozarksstma.org](http://www.ozarksstma.org)

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

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

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