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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Associate* (Additional member(s) from the same commercial company) | \$75 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Dues (contact headquarters for amount) | \$ | | |
| Chapter name | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution To SAFE Foundation (research, education and scholarship); | \$ | | |
| Total Amount Enclosed: | \$ | | |

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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

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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 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
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
Individual Non-Member Registering Online	\$115.00	\$14.00	\$129.00	6/15/2012
Individual Non-Member Registering via Mail/Fax	\$125.00	\$14.00	\$139.00	6/15/2012
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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Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:
www.iowaturfgrass.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:
www.kystma.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Org. (KAFMO/STMA): www.kafmo.org.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): www.mistma.org.

Minnesota Park and Sports Turf Managers Association: www.mpstma.org

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Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): www.ostma.org.

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T ☐ School, College or University P ☐ Park
H ☐ Other (please specify) _____

2 Which of the following best describes your title? (check ONLY ONE)

- A ☐ EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATOR — President, Owner, Partner, Director, General Manager, Chairman of the Board, Purchasing Agent, Athletic Director
B ☐ MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENT — Superintendent, Landscape/Ground Maintenance Manager, Foreman, Supervisor
C ☐ GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL — Government Commissioner, Agent, Other Government Official
D ☐ SPECIALIST — Architect, Designer, Consultant, Agronomist, Horticulturist, Certified Specialist
F ☐ COACH E ☐ Other (please specify) _____

3 Do you have the authority to buy, specify or recommend products and/or services for your business or organization?

Y ☐ Yes N ☐ No

4 Yearly operating expenditures (excluding salaries)

- F ☐ Over \$1 million C ☐ \$50,001 - \$100,000
E ☐ \$500,001 - \$1 million B ☐ \$25,001 - \$50,000
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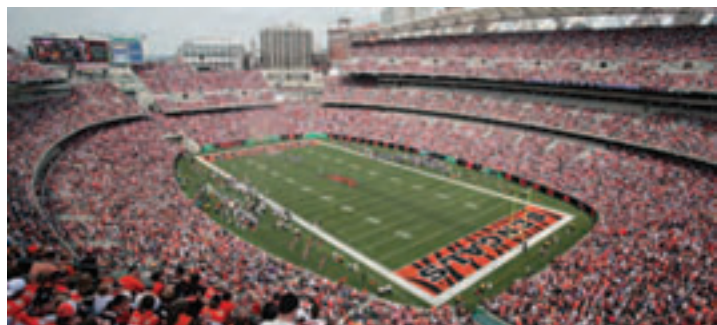
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and nightlife. Keep checking www.STMA.org and your email inbox for the most up-to-date information regarding the event.

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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. ■

June 27 Exhibition

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

Barenbrug
Brookview Turf Management
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Q&A



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Mad Professor

We played district finals on a baseball field you helped with last year and it was an amazing surface; how do we get that at our field? The victory was nice but our guys really felt like they were in the big leagues because of how the field looked and played, fast and true.

Gilbert, IA

Thanks for the good words. It has been fun to sit at the games and listen to the comments about the field, especially when the boosters, coaches and entire community can share in the decisions they made to improve that little corner of their world.

It really starts with one person that has the burning desire to instill pride in their players and the community. That person could be you, as a parent, athletic director, booster club supporter, or, in this case, head coach Chris Hill from Story City, IA.

The “if you build it they will come” dream seems to always resurface somewhere in the haze of an Iowa summer night. In September 2010 the infield was regraded, top-dressed with sand/compost, and reseeded at 5 lbs/1000 sqft with a blend of NuGlade, Total Eclipse, Nu Destiny, and Rugby II Kentucky bluegrass. We pushed it with 3 lbs of N during the fall grow-in and another 2 lbs N and more topdressing the following spring. We used an Eastman rotary striper mower set at a half inch to grow in the field and since then we have stayed with the same mower set at ¾ inch. It gives a great pro look to the field and the rear roller helps keep the field smooth. It takes about 1.5 hours to mow the infield and dugout areas

and Coach Hill does this faithfully three times a week.

This year we will be using Primo growth regulator to reducing the mowing to once every 5-7 days. One thing to remember is that the newer “low mow” Kentucky bluegrasses are very slow to establish; fall seedings seldom get tall enough to even mow. Through the spring they remain below a half inch, are slow to fill, and often stay within the seeded drill row. Don’t expect to use the field in April if you seed in September. I suggest seeding in mid-August or at a time that will result in two normal mowings before vertical growth stops in the fall.

About 3 weeks into the playing season and by the third week in May the bluegrass finally took off and the bluegrass density teamed up with the Easton Striper mower to deliver the “wow” factor that the players, coaches, and community had just never experienced, when the field is right the hair still stands up on my arms too. The players look better, the ball looks bigger, and the enjoyment factor goes up. I’ve been eating more walking tacos, but I don’t think that’s field related. See <http://www.iowa.turfgrass.org/BaseballMinner.htm> for a more detailed description and pictures through the first season in 2011.

After the district playoffs field watering was cut back and the turf went through some pretty noticeable periods of wilting and then it happened. Those unmistakable plate-sized purple patches of sunken and wilted turf appeared. It was the dreaded Summer Patch caused by the fungus *Magnaporthe poae*. Curative fungicide applications just don’t work on this disease and we help-

lessly watched as the beautiful smooth surface of less than one year quickly became filled with pock marks and bad hops, luckily the ball season had ended. By September, each diseased depression was hand raked and filled with Barrister Kentucky bluegrass because of its NTEP reported Summer Patch tolerance. All the varieties we used had good Summer Patch tolerance but it is important to note that the disease still developed and that it occurred in the first year. Usually it takes a few years for the turf to mature before Summer Patch becomes a problem.

Two cultural factors that we were fully aware of also contributed to the disease outbreak. Forcing growth with heavy fall and spring nitrogen was necessary to produce sufficient cover for the May baseball start date, but it also favored Summer Patch development. The ¾ inch mowing height produced a remarkable playing surface but it also encouraged this disease. Increasing the mowing height to 1.25 inches may be considered if we can’t effectively manage the Summer Patch problem during the 2012 season. Our goal was to use no herbicides and only compost topdressing as fertilizer. The field density has kept the field nearly weed free and only a little hand weeding was required.

Unfortunately we are now using a preventative fungicide to control Summer Patch; two or three applications of Heritage applied on 25-day intervals that started May 15. So, I’m mad about inciting this disease problem, I’m mad about having to use a fungicide on a high school field, I’m mad about how slow the bluegrasses establishes, but most of all I am happy to tell you that a little pride in your playing field goes a long way toward high school memories that last a lifetime. ■



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» Image 1: Field ready for district playoffs in June 2011 with no Summer Patch showing. Image 2: Summer Patch scars on September 2, 2011 before repair seeding. Image 3: Summer Patch scars still visible on May 2, 2012 after repair seeding in September 2011. Kentucky bluegrass seedlings won’t reach mature grass height until the end of May.



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