The exhibit hall highlighted vendors from throughout the sports turf industry, featuring new and improved grasses, procedures for specifying soil texture and techniques for construction and establishment of athletic fields. More than 38 vendors were represented.

At the STMA awards banquet, the Groundskeeper of the Year: Harry C. Gill Memorial Award was presented to George Toma, NFL consultant and STMA co-founder. Other awards included:

- **Football Field of the Year**
  Arizona Stadium, University of Arizona
  Tucson, Ariz.

- **Soccer Field of the Year**
  Northwest Park
  City of LaPorte, Texas

- **Excellence in Research Award**
  Dr. Henry T. Wilkinson
  University of Illinois
  Champaign, Ill.

- **Outstanding Commercial Affiliate Award**
  John Deere & Company
  Raleigh, N.C.

- **President’s Award**
  Adams Publishing Company
  Van Nuys, Calif.

- **Scholarship Award**
  John Prigden
  Lake Community College
  Lake City, Fla.

- **Scholarship Award**
  Patrick A. Sherer
  California State Polytechnic University
  Pomona, Calif.

“STMA is poised to gain more recognition for its efforts in the turfgrass management industry,” said Landry. “This year’s conference – and the information the attendees received there – was definitely an investment in the future of our industry.”

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**Membership Recruitment & Services**
*Chair:* Rick Johnson, IL Lawn
*Vice Chair:* TBD
*Mission:* To develop methods for increasing membership, membership benefits and to assess membership needs.

**Chapter Relations**
*Chair:* Ray Flood, University of Maryland
*Vice Chair:* TBD
*Mission:* To establish and evaluate chapter/national relations.

**Education**
*Chair:* Mike Trigg, Waukegan Park District
*Vice Chair:* TBD
*Mission:* To evaluate education needs, including establishment of regional institutes, dates and locations.

**Annual Conference and Exhibition**
*Co-chairs:* Dr. Henry Indyk, Turfcon; Greg Petry, Waukegan Park District
*Mission:* To develop the annual conference including: date, location, program and trade show.

**Awards/Scholarships**
*Co-chairs:* Mark Hodnick, Pasadena Parks Division; Mike Schiller, Schaumburg Park District
*Mission:* To review/establish selection criteria, important dates and financial support.

**Public Relations/Communications**
*Chair:* Bob Tracinski, John Deere & Company
*Vice Chair:* Steve Trusty, Trusty & Associates
*Mission:* To promote STMA, its members and the profession.

**Technical/Standards**
*Chair:* Steve Wightman, Jack Murphy Stadium
*Vice Chair:* TBD
*Mission:* To work with an association such as the American Society for Testing and Measures (ASTM) on sports facility standards. To develop a membership network to answer technical questions.

**Financial**
*Chair:* Ken Mrock, Chicago Bears
*Vice Chair:* TBD
*Mission:* To review the association’s financial condition, budget and to explore avenues to generate revenue for the organization.

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