

## STMA Certification Committee Report

Progress continues on STMA's Certification Program. The Certification Committee met in Chicago, Illinois, on October 10, 1998. Following are key details of the meeting.

The Committee discussed various aspects of the credentialing information booklet currently under development, made several revisions, and recommended it be reviewed by the STMA Board, compared to criteria of the National Certification Commission and be reviewed by legal counsel.

After discussion of Continuing Education Units (CEUs), the Committee recommended adoption of the CEU as defined and accepted by national educational accreditation standards.

The Committee recommended that, along with offering the test in a supervised setting in conjunction with STMA's annual Conferences (starting in 2000), STMA make available a proctored test to be given at accepted assessment centers.

The Committee refined application forms, educa-

tion worksheets and acceptance and rejection letters, recommending their acceptance subject to Board approval and any revisions necessary according to information presented by the National Certification Commission or by attorney review.

The Committee refined the Resource List for the Sports Turf Manager currently being developed and remanded it to the STMA Board and then back to individual Committee members for final review. This list will be used as a general educational tool and as a part of the Certification Applicant Packet.

Recommended CEU and industry service point (ISP) levels for recertification were developed. The Committee recommended that those certified be required to renew every 3 years. The committee further recommended an annual renewal fee, with a notice issued 30 days before the end of the 365 day period, accompanied by a form containing the record of CEUs and the other designated points. The Committee also established a set

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of recommended fees. All this was presented to the Board for approval, noting all are subject to any revisions necessary according to information presented by the National Certification Commission or by attorney review.

The list of competencies is in the final stages of development. Committee members were assigned areas for development of test questions, with the understanding that review will be handled by a test development organization.

Certification Committee Co-Chairs, Dale Getz and Steve Trusty, attended the National Certification Commission Conference in Bethesda, Maryland, on November 5th and 6th, 1998. Key items moved forward at this meeting were legal issues concerning certification and the certification process, formal certification training or educational programs, and certification testing and examination issues. The meeting verified the Committee is on target with the development of our program in terms of competencies, CEUs, ISPs, the application process and fee structure.

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