

Meet Your New Board Members

Name: Eric Adkins, CSFM
Title: Athletic Turf Manager
Facility: Michigan State University/ Spartan Stadium
STMA Offices held: First national office
STMA Member since: 11/24/97

Educational Background: 1978 Graduate of the 2-year Turfgrass Management Program Michigan State University.

Professional Experience: January 2002 to present, Athletic Turf Manager Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan; September 1997 to January 2002, Agronomist Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; August 1994 to September 1997, Assistant Groundskeeper, Soldier Field, Chicago, Illinois; March 1989 to August 1994, Assistant Director of Golf, Chicago Park District, Chicago, Illinois

Honors/Awards: Certified Sports Field Manager, CSFM, 02/01/2000; College Football Field of the Year in 2000; Midwest Chapter STMA, Presidents Award, Presented in December 2001; Midwest Chapter Secretary for the years 1999 to 2001; MiSTMA Chapter Board of Directors 2002; STMA Certification Committee 2000 to present; STMA Marketing Committee - 2001 to present; STMA 2002 Founders Award; The Dick Ericson Award presented in January 2003



Hobbies: Golf, Traveling, Auto racing, relaxing in the off-season

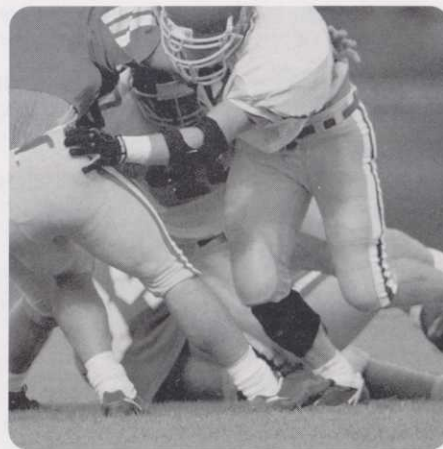
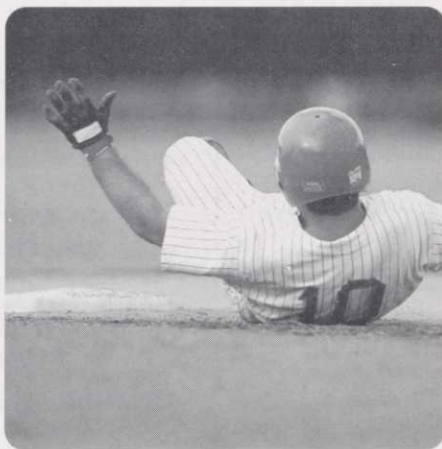
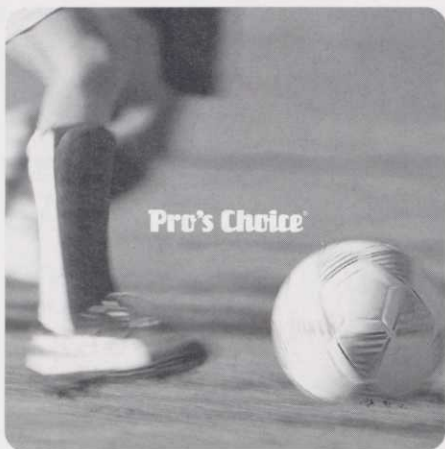
Why did you decide to become a member of the STMA? I became a member of the STMA to further my knowledge in the Sports Turf Industry. I knew that I didn't have all the answers to my sports turf problems and found out that I wasn't alone. By attending conferences and networking with other sports

turf professionals, I was able to work with others to find solutions to turf management problems. Also, I am now a part of a professional organization striving for better and safer fields for all.

What do you feel are the major issues facing the sports turf industry today? One of the biggest issues is that of the new in-fill systems of artificial turf, what their role will be in the future and how they will impact our industry. Another issue is that of the perception of the Sports Turf Manager and how we address the issue of professionalism and marketing ourselves to our administrators, and to the general public. That Sports Turf Manager should be the recognized leader and authority in this profession.

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What would you do to resolve some of these issues? I feel that education is what's needed most to resolve most of today's issues facing the Sports Turf Manager. With a well-educated Sports Turf Manager we can overcome many of the problems out there today. As field quality improves so does our image. As our image improves so do the salaries we can expect to receive. Another way is certification, being a Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM) shows that you are knowledgeable in the aspects of field management and willing to accept the challenges in the future.

Do you have any words of wisdom for your peers in the STMA? Over my short stint as a member in the STMA I have come to realize that this organization will have one of the greatest impacts on the green industry. What organization can say they are a part of one's life from childhood to adulthood - from the

park and recreation fields we all played on, to high school activities and sporting events, to the professional and collegiate fields and events, that are watched every day by millions of people? Every time my fields are used I know that I made a small impact in somebody's life, that's why I want to do the best I can.

Name: Abby L. McNeal, CSFM

Title: Assistant Turfgrass Manager

Facility: INVESCO Field at Mile High

Years associated with STMA: 10 years

STMA Offices held: Chapter Relations Chair for 6 years

Educational Background: B.S. Landscape Horticulture concentration in Turfgrass Management from Colorado State

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