

Conference Focuses on Leadership

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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 Pridgen
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 turf grass 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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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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