

News From STMA Homeplate

by Bret Kelsey, Executive Director

On behalf of the STMA Board of Directors and Staff, welcome to Bradenton and the 6th Annual Conference & Exhibition!

In order to assess the value of this year's Annual Conference & Exhibition, and plan for the future, we ask attendees to fill out a critique on site, and, for those who couldn't make it, we urge input by mail, phone or fax. We value your opinion.

To further encourage the infor-

mation flow, regional chapter representatives, and the STMA board will hold a Chapter Relations meeting in Bradenton. This meeting is an annual event and a key element in providing the national and regional organizations an opportunity to discuss common issues and member benefits.

The STMA Board of Directors plans to meet four times this year, two full board meetings and two Executive Committee meetings.

The first of those meetings will be held February 3, 1995, in conjunction with the conference. If you have an important item for board consideration, please feel free to contact STMA Headquarters.

Sponsorship opportunities for STMA Commercial members were presented in a recent mailing to past sponsors and current Commercial members. Sponsorship opportunities include the bi-monthly Sports Turf Manager newsletter and annual Membership Roster and Resource Manual. To those companies that have lent their support to STMA over the past year - thanks again!

A special thanks goes out to Mike Hurd and Jeff Podobnick of the Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball organization - without their support, the 1995 Conference would have been impossible.

Looking ahead to 1996, STMA is planning to take the 7th Annual Conference & Exhibition to Southern California. Look for a formal announcement during the Conference in Bradenton.

Have a prosperous 1995! *STMA*

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