

# STMA Board Meeting Report

Your board met on October 17 and 18, 1996. All officers and board members and Steve and Suz Trusty from STMA Headquarters were present. This is a brief review of that board meeting.

STMA appears to be on solid ground financially. Though the 1996 Conference was not a money-maker, an increase in membership and holding the line on expenses means we're showing income ahead of expenses now and will at year-end. The board voted that 75 percent of the year-end surplus be put into a reserve fund which will only be used with the approval of 2/3 of the board.

STMA has renewed the management contract with Trusty & Associates for 1997. Steve Trusty will continue to serve as your Executive Director.

The board finalized details of the 1997 budget and approved it. It will be reviewed by the board three months into the year to assure that it is on track and that STMA continues to be fiscally sound.

STMA By-Laws are under review. Immediate Past-President Greg Petry is heading this committee and input from members may be directed to him.

STMA Past-President Mark Hodnick and former Executive Director Dr. Kent Kurtz will head the STMA Historical Committee and will have a display at the 1997 Conference in Colorado Springs.

Mike Schiller has asked all STMA Past Presidents to serve on the Presidents Council. They will form the Long-Range Planning Committee and will hold their first meeting in Colorado Springs in conjunction with the Conference.

Bucky Trotter is chairing the membership committee. He notes there are at least 16,000 to 20,000 potential members -- and wants them all. He invites your input on membership categories, fee schedules, ways to reach out to potential members, ways to serve the special needs of segments of the industry or anything else that will help us grow. Feedback received by December 16th will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

The site for STMA's 1998 Conference, January 14-18, 1998, is the Disney World property in Orlando, Florida. We'll be using the facilities of the Disney World Sports Complex and the Coronado Springs Resort will be the headquarters hotel. STMA's 1999 Conference will be held January 13-17, 1999, in Phoenix, Arizona, with the Sheraton Mesa the headquarters hotel.

Encouraging participation of sports turf managers from professional-level facilities continues. An active, personal outreach is planned by phone and by letter. STMA will have a booth at the following industry-related meetings within the next few months:

- *The Rhode Island Turfgrass Conference - December 4-5, 1996, in Providence.*
- *The Baseball Trade Show - December 6-9, 1996, in Boston.*

- *The National Federation of State High School Associations Athletic Directors Conference - December 15 - 16, 1996, in Orlando.*
- *GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show - February 10-12, 1997, in Las Vegas.*

STMA will be working with USA Baseball on the revision of its grounds care handbook.

A Sports Turf Manager Certification Committee is being established. Those interested in contributing to this effort are encouraged to contact Dr. Henry Indyk or STMA Headquarters.


Because job openings may come up quickly and need to be filled quickly, STMA is installing an "after-hours job Hot-Line." Members may call 712/366-1145 between 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. Central Time to review the recorded listing of job opportunities. Anyone wishing to add their job opening to the Hot Line is asked to notify headquarters at any time.

The next STMA Board Meeting will be held on January 14, 1997, in Colorado Springs at the Red Lion Hotel. The meeting will open at 1:00 P.M.

Any questions, comments or input on any of the above, or any issues that you wish to have brought up for discussion at the January board meeting may be directed to Headquarters and will be forwarded to the appropriate person or persons.

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