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President's Message

by Mike Schiller
President

It's hard to believe that almost a month has flown by since I returned from our conference in Colorado Springs. I cannot say enough good things about the conference. And I need to take a minute here to thank some very special people.

Steve, Suz and Stephanie - THANKS for doing an outstanding job of running the program. To the Conference Committee - Stephen Guise, Mary Owen, Eugene Mayer- HATS OFF to all of YOU for your dedication and hard work. THANK YOU to all of you who were speakers or moderators at the conference. THANK YOU also to all of the exhibitors at the trade show. We couldn't have done it without you.

I would like to publicly say THANK YOU to the Colorado Chapter. Their efforts and contributions to the organization helped make this our most successful conference ever. To Mike Wehrmann and Vern Waldrip of the Air Force Academy; Mark Leasure of the Colorado Springs Sky Sox; Jamie Batchelder of the Olympic Training Center; Ross Kurcab, Troy Smith and Wes Conway of the Denver Broncos; Tom Lujan of Mile High Stadium; and Mark Razum of the Colorado Rockies - WOW! You guys are the epitome of what STMA stands for. THANK YOU for taking the time to show off your wonderful facilities.

I would like to congratulate my good friend Greg Petry on receiving the Harry Gill Award. It is our way of saying thanks Greg for all the time and effort that you have put in to keep STMA alive and growing. I know that this award means as much to you as it did to me, so enjoy showing off this unique piece of sculpture. It signifies what Harry stood for, believed and lived daily.

I would like to thank Henry



Mike Schiller

Indyk for taking the bull by the horns with the Certification Committee. I would also like to thank Mike Andresen for taking over the chair of the Chapter Relations Committee, and Steve Wightman for taking charge of the Category I group.

My goals for the coming year remain true to my goals of the past year:

- I want to continue to see STMA grow and strengthen, in numbers and financially.
- I want to continue to gain greater respect among the commercial people in the industry, and increase their numbers among our membership.
- I want to see our membership rosters swell and grow. We did well this past year, but we can do better. If everyone who is a member brought in two new members this year imagine how we would grow.
- I would like to continue the work with the chapters and also see us do more with the National Federation of High Schools and hopefully develop a dialogue with the Stadium Managers Association.
- My last goal as President is a lofty one. I would LOVE to see 500 people or more attend our conference in Orlando next January. What A Way To Go!

I think that working together we can continue to gain credibility in the industry and that, my friends, is what it's all about.