

## **Sports Turf Happenings**



### Chapter Events

Minnesota Chapter:STMA

The Minnesota Chapter has elected its 1997 officers and board members. President is Shannon Hendrickson, Farmington Schools; Past President is Ken Dehkes, Hamline University, St. Paul; President-Elect is Paul Griffin, City of Woodbury; Secretary/Treasurer is Connie Rudolph, Midway Stadium, St. Paul; Minnesota Turf & Grounds Foundation Representative is Tom Rudberg, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul; and Director at Large is Mike Kelly, Glen Rehbein Companies, Inc., Blaine. MN. The events schedule for 1997 is in the planning stages.

For information on the Minnesota Chapter or upcoming activities, contact: Connie Rudolph at (612) 644-0639.

#### The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association

The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association's Annual Membership Meeting was held at 3:00 PM on January 28th at the Des Moines Convention Center in conjunction with the 63rd Annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show.

Those elected at the meeting include: Southwest Representative, Charles Vance, AVP Construction, Oakland; Central Iowa Representative, Bill Antons, Boone Community Schools; and At-Large Representatives, Ron Crooker, of Upper Iowa University, Fayette; and Kevin Vos, Muscatine Soccer Complex. Vos, who served as Vice-President in 1996, will serve as President in 1997. Rick Simpson, South Tama Schools, becomes Past President.

Mike Andresen, Iowa State University, had resigned his board position as Central Representative to accept the position as Iowa Turfgrass Institute Representative, replacing Mike McCaffrey who has given nine years of service in that role.

Continuing their terms as Board members are: Ron Dykstra, Northwest College, Orange City; Dan Wright, Central College, Pella; Todd Garstang, Davenport Schools; Dale Roe, Iowa State University; Luke Yoder, Iowa Cubs; Bryan Wood, Commercial Turf & Tractor; and Mike Grooms, United Seed. The new board is planning an exciting and event-filled 1997.

For more information on the Iowa Chapter or upcoming activities, contact: Lori Westrum at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone) or (515) 232-8228 (fax).

#### Florida Chapter #1: STMA

The Florida Chapter will hold a Field Day on March 13th at the University of Florida in Davie. CEUs will be offered for the educational sessions at this full-day meeting.

The Chapter's next STMA meeting is scheduled for April 8th in Parkland, Florida. Included will be a mound building seminar and a tour of the new park facility.

For more information on these events, other upcoming activities or the Florida Chapter, contact: John Mascaro (954) 938-7477.

#### Southern California Chapter:STMA

The Southern California Chapter board is in the process of planning special events for 1997 and 1998. For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, contact: Chris Bunnell at (619) 432-2421.

#### Midwest Chapter: STMA

The Midwest Chapter:STMA is putting together the 1997 schedule of events. For information on the Midwest Chapter or pending activities, call: The Chapter Hotline (847) 439-4727.

# STMA Chapters on the Grow: The Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO Chapter STMA)

This active group is currently working toward STMA affiliation.

Their next event, The Athletic Field Maintenance Conference, will be held from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on March 20th at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. For more information on this meeting or the organization, contact: Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at (610) 375-8469, extension 212.

#### **Great Plains Sports Turf Managers Association**

For information on the Great Plains Sports Turf Mangers Association or pending events, contact: Mark Schimming at (316) 729-5839.

#### Arizona:

For information on the Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona or upcoming events, contact: Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Department, at (602) 994-7954.

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