

STMA ELECTS 1998 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STMA elected our 1998 officers and board of directors on January 17th, 1998, at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the 9th Annual Conference and Exhibition in Orlando, FL.

Elected to the office of President was Stephen Guise, Valley Crest, San Fernando, CA. Other officers elected include: President Elect - Rich Moffitt, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO; Vice President (Commercial) - Bob Curry, Covermaster, Rexdale, ON (Canada); Secretary - L. Murray Cook, Disney's Wide World of Sports™ complex, Lake Buena Vista, FL; and Treasurer - Bob Patt, Civic Center/Stadium Manager, City of Canton, OH.

Board Members elected to two year terms include: Category II (College & University Facilities) - Bob Campbell, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN; Category IV (Parks and Recreation Facilities) - Tim Moore, Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Chevy Chase, MD; and Category V (Commercial) - Lynda Wightman, Hunter Industries, Inc., San Marcos, CA.

Elected to a one year term to fill out the Category I (Professional Facility Sports Turf Manager) position vacated by L. Murray Cook, was Tom Burns, Texas Rangers, Arlington, TX.

Mike Schiller, Rolling Meadows Park District, Rolling Meadows, IL, assumes the position of Past President, replacing Greg Petry, Waukegan Park District, Waukegan, IL.

Remaining on the board for the second year of her two year term as the Category III (Research, Teaching) board member is Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts, Rochdale, MA.

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STMA ISSUES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Dr. Fred Grau Scholarship, from this year forward designated for the students of two year technical programs or community colleges, was presented to Ryan Kasnitzke, a freshman majoring in Turfgrass Management/Sports Turf at the Michigan State University - Institute of Agricultural Technology.

The STMA Annual Scholarship for undergraduate students of four-year college or university programs was presented to Raechal Elizabeth Sager, a Senior majoring in Horticulture/Turf Management at the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

The new STMA Scholarship for graduate students was presented to Andrew S. McNitt, a graduate student specializing in Soil Science/Athletic Field Surface Characterization at Penn State University.

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