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# President's Message

## Making Do With What We Have

by Steve Guise, President

As I reviewed this newsletter, a general theme hit me. It seems at least in my little world, that sports turf managers are constantly "making do with the time and resources available to them."

As you read through our chapter updates, consider the struggle and energies it takes to bring each of these chapter boards together to discuss their local events and membership services. It takes time to arrange a date to meet that fits everyone's calendar. I know our national Board of Directors meetings dates can only be decided after reviewing 3 to 4 separate weeks until we reach a majority consensus on a "workable" time.

Even more complex is working out the arrangements and all the details for Chapter events – and then doing everything it takes to make them happen successfully. Remember, each board member and all the other chapter volunteers are just as involved in their own job responsibilities as you are with yours. So, please, take a minute to say thanks to those in your chapter who are devoting the time and effort to keep things running and are helping to raise the level of professionalism throughout the industry. And, offer to lend a hand. As always, the more you give – the more you get.

It's great to continue to read Dr. Kurtz's column to better understand the past of the STMA. Again, we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who had the foresight to envision the need for an organization of sports turf managers, and the determination and commitment to get the ball rolling and keep things together during those formative years. It's never too late to say THANKS!



Steve Guise

Grady Miller's article keeps with the theme of "making do with what we have" by discussing the use of effluent water for sports turf applications. I can tell you, that if the use of gray water is not a standard practice in your town, and you are working in the southern half of the US, it will be a standard option in the near future.

For those of you that have not heard, Bob Campbell, board member from the University of Tennessee, had open heart surgery a few weeks back and is on his way to recovery. I've been told that the University has installed a 12 foot fence around his stadium in order to keep him away during his recovery stage. All of you who know Bob, know that it will take more than five bypasses to keep him away. We all wish Bob a fast and complete recovery so that he can again prepare the fields for future NFL number one draft picks to play on.

I wish all of you a prosperous and safe spring season and don't forget to help out the less fortunate groundskeepers in your community.

## Employment Opportunities!!

**Pima County (AZ) Parks & Rec.** has an opening for a Complex Supervisor for Tucson Electric Park.

The **Milwaukee Brewers and Nashville Sounds** are always willing to talk to those interested in internships.

**For more information on these openings contact STMA Headquarters at (800) 323-3875 OR call the Jobs Hotline at (712) 366-1145.**