

# Headquarters Update

by Steve Trusty, Executive Director

By now you should have received your packet of information on the 10th Annual Conference and Exhibition. Additional Conference information is provided throughout this edition of the Sports Turf Manager. We've tried to cover everything most of you will need to know to assist you in making your decision to attend. If anything at all comes up that we haven't covered, don't hesitate to contact us. We want to do everything we can to convince you and/or your boss that you've "just gotta" be there. If you need any further convincing, talk to some past attendees. We'd be happy to pass along some names.

You will probably be receiving this issue right at or just past the deadline for the STMA Awards and Scholarship program entries. It will depend on how quickly the US Postal Service delivers your copy. If you receive this before October 15th you have until that date to get entries postmarked. We will be awarding a record amount for scholarships again this year, so we're hoping for plenty of quality entries. The earlier deadline date will allow the judges more time to evaluate the entries and make their selections. It also will allow the recipients more time to make their plans to have family or friends in Mesa to see them be honored.

Your Certification Committee is hard at work. Their goal is still to have a program to present at the January Conference. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 10th in Chicago. They plan to have a number of things ready to present to the Board at their meeting October 23rd and 24th.

If you have any additional thoughts or suggestions for this very important program, now is the time to express them. The best way to reach the Certification Committee is to fax, mail or e-mail your thoughts to Headquarters. We will then copy and get the information to all committee members. If you prefer to visit with someone, you can call us or any of those on the committee. Please refer to your membership roster. After talking with us or any of the committee members, it would be very helpful if you would then summarize those thoughts in writing so they can be shared with the rest of the committee.

There seems to be as much interest in this program from employers and prospective employers as there is from STMA members. This is a pretty good indication of the importance of Certification. Please share your thoughts now, when they will do the most good in shaping the program.

STMA will have a booth at several shows between now and next spring. If you're in the area and would like to assist in the booth, let us know. Or just stop by and say "hi." Shows include the GIE in November in Nashville, the Baseball Trade Show in December in Nashville, the High School Athletic Directors Conference in Las Vegas and the GCSAA in Orlando in February. We also will be working with several chapters at the various state and regional shows. If you know of any shows that you'd recommend we look into to reach prospective members, please alert Headquarters.

Until next issue, may your challenges be no greater than you and your staff can handle.



## Trusty Tips®

- Put some seed out before each fall football game and let the players cleat it in. This will keep new grass growing into the high traffic areas as the established turf is getting worn away.
- Try to get your coaches to utilize different areas for drills each day to spread the wear around instead of concentrating it in one area.
- Develop your game plan for attending the January Conference so you can obtain the approval of those who control the purse strings at the earliest possible moment.

## Members on the Move

**Tim Moore**, M-NCPPC, has moved to a new location. Tim can now be reached at the Wheaton Maintenance Facility at 301/680-3803.

**Ryan Kaspitzke**, 1997 Dr. Fred Grau Scholarship recipient, is GRADUATING!

### CONGRATULATIONS GUYS!!

*If you, or someone you know, has changed positions, give us a call here at Headquarters. We'll be happy to help get the word out!*

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