

Board Meeting Report

On June 18 and 19, 1999, your Board of Directors met in Tampa, Florida. This location was chosen so the Board could check out proposed facilities since Tampa was the top contender among potential Conference sites for the STMA 2001 Conference. The meeting included tours of two possible headquarters hotels and the city's Convention Center. The Board voted on their preferred facilities contingent on space availability. Since then, Executive Director Steve Trusty has negotiated with the facilities and finalized contract details. STMA will hold its 2001 Conference in Tampa, January 17 - 21, just prior to the 2001 Super Bowl.

The Board approved the minutes of the March 12 - 13 Board Meeting, the Financial Reports for the period ending May 21, 1999, and the Check Disbursement Listing. The Budget for the 2000 Conference also was reviewed and approved.

The 2000 Conference Education Committee presented the proposed program for Board review. As noted in the Headquarters Report, the second annual Chapter Officers Training Session will take place on January 11th and optional Category Sessions will be offered on the afternoon of January 12th. Along with the general and breakout sessions, and round-table discussions, the Committee has incorporated one afternoon of workshops

into the program. The Conference Exhibits Committee and the Awards Committee also presented their Conference plans. Another new feature approved for the 2000 Conference will be holding the Live Auction adjacent to the trade show on Thursday evening at the end of that day's trade show hours.

Another major issue was Board review, discussion and approval in principle of recommendations on potential Bylaws changes as suggested by the Bylaws committee. These recommendations currently are under review by the attorney to confirm legal requirements are met in the wording of the Bylaws before their presentation to the membership for ratification. (*See the Headquarters Report for more details.*) The Board also reviewed and approved materials as submitted by the Certification Committee. (*See Certification Committee Report for more details.*)

Among other key items addressed by the Board were the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee. After discussion, the Board voiced its support of the Strategic Planning program, instructed the Committee to move forward, and asked them to readdress and redefine specific parts of their recommendations.

The next Board Meeting will be held October 22 - 24, 1999 in Tennessee.



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