

Your Board at Work

Your Board of Directors met March 12 and 13, 1999, in San Diego, California. Following the review and approval of the minutes from the January 12, 1999, pre-conference Board Meeting, the January 16 Annual Meeting and the January 16 Post Conference Board Meeting, the Financial Report was reviewed. Treasurer Bob Patt noted STMA continues to improve its strong financial condition. A final figure on the Conference was pending, but preliminary figures show income over expense well ahead of the budgeted figure. Membership renewals to date also are ahead of last year at this point. The year 2000 preliminary budget will be submitted and reviewed at the June Board Meeting.

Awards and Scholarships Chair Tim Moore reported he will be including an article on the field of the year awards in each issue of the newsletter. The Board discussed funding and promotion ideas.

The Board moved and approved that the individual appointed to chair the Education Committee automatically be named the Conference Education Chair, the Commercial Vice President automatically becomes the Conference Exhibits Chair, and the person named as the Awards and Scholarship Committee Chair automatically becomes the Chair of the Raffle and Auction Committee. STMA's bylaws state the President-Elect is the designated Conference Committee Chair.

Trusty reported the Certification Committee has worked together by conference call and information exchange and will hold its next meeting in Chicago on April 16 and 17. At this meeting, the committee plans to complete their review of the Certification Competencies and STMA Resource List for presentation to the Board for review and to review and further categorize the test questions in preparation for examination by an independent test review agency.

The Board completed review of the corrections and suggested revisions to the STMA Code of Ethics and approved the version that appears in this newsletter.

Following the presentation on the Evergreen Foundation made by its secretary, Bob Tracinski, at the STMA annual meeting and further discussion of its goals of greenway development, the Board voted to officially support the Evergreen Foundation.

After review and discussion of STMA membership categories, the membership and by laws committees will jointly develop a proposal to be sent to the membership for vote on developing separate categories for teaching, research and extension and for other schools (dividing current Category III) to give both groups representation on the Board.

Rich Moffitt, Chair of the Strategic Planning

Committee, shared key details with the Board of his research into the issue and process of strategic planning for associations such as STMA.



Starting at left around the table: Bob Curry, Bob Patt, Tony Koski, Bob Campbell, Tom Burns, Steve Guise, Rich Moffitt, Lynda Wightman, Tim Moore and Mike Schiller.

This project will proceed with the next steps the establishment of the steering committee, development of a sequential plan and receipt of proposals from potential facilitators.

The Board reviewed attendee and exhibitor evaluations from the 1999 Conference and proceeded with planning of the 2000 Conference.

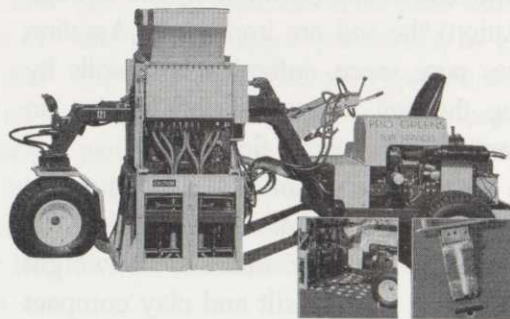
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