

# Headquarters Report

by Steve Trusty, Executive Director

As usual, it's a busy time here. We're sure that it's a very busy time for you, too.

Some very busy people have found time to put a lot of effort into a couple of very important programs for you.

The Certification Committee held a very productive meeting in Chicago in March. They have pretty well finished the Competencies for Certification and some of the other "paper" items that are needed. The next and most important area that needs to be finalized is the test itself. A sub-committee is working diligently on that and the entire committee is scheduled to get together in Chicago again June 25 and 26. The plan is to have the committee members take a version of the test to determine about how long it should take for a person to take the test and how well the test covers the necessary competencies. A few other details will be taken care of at that meeting.

After that meeting the Test Sub-committee will finalize the test process. After that STMA can start accepting applications and start individuals on the road to Certification. The timetable towards that point will be determined after the

June meeting. We may find it necessary to hold another session to "test the test" before we can finalize it. We'll keep you posted.

If you have any questions that you feel any Certified Sports Field Manager should know the answer to, please share them with Headquarters. We'll pass them on to the Test Sub-committee. It is a monumental task to come up with enough questions to provide a large enough pool to give applicants a fair test without giving everyone the same set of questions. This is your program and your input will be appreciated.

Another committee that has been hard at work is your Conference Education Committee. They have spent many hours putting together a program that is going to provide THE INFORMATION that YOU will need to continue in your profession into the next millennium. The program is pretty well set and the Committee is in the final stages of contacting and locking in speakers. It won't be long before we are ready to finalize the program to mail out to you. Be sure you have the Conference in your budget and your calendar marked for January 12 - 16, 2000. The program promises to be outstanding.

The Office staff has been busy finalizing the Compendium and Roster. By the time you receive this newsletter they should both be at the printers and following in the mail shortly afterward. When we do mail them, we will be including some membership brochures. We figure that since you are already a member and know what you get out of STMA, you are the best one to pass the brochures along and encourage new members. If each member were to get just one new member this spring and summer STMA would double its membership (as our granddaughter would say - "well duh").

We hope you are having a great spring and may your challenges be no greater than you can handle.



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**A Passing Noted:**  
**Mrs. Harry (Mary) Gill**

Mary Gill, wife of STMA founding father, the late, great Harry Gill, passed away this past month following an extended illness.

Though Mary will be missed on this earth, we are sure that Harry is enjoying showing her around that great sports field in the sky.