

Headquarters Report

by Steve Trusty, Executive Director

Since the last newsletter I have been able on several occasions to perform one of the most enjoyable duties as STMA Executive Director -- that is Chapter visits. It is always great to get out and see how Chapters are doing things. It is even better to be able to meet more and more STMA members and potential members on these visits. Since early July, I have been to Ohio (Great Lakes Chapter), Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. I also attended the Field Day hosted by the New England Sports Turf Managers Association. We are getting very close to having all the paperwork completed to recognize the New England group as an officially affiliated STMA Chapter. These important Chapter visits are made possible by the funding of our Chapter Sponsors John Deere and Novartis at Gold Level and Alpine Services and Hunter Industries at Silver Level.

Speaking of Chapters and Sponsors, another benefit made possible by the STMA Chapter Sponsors is the Chapter Officers Training Session. The next one is in the

final planning stages for January 11th in St. Louis. If you are a chapter officer or are involved with getting a chapter started, mark your calendar and make plans to meet with your peers in St. Louis. If you haven't received an information packet and want one, call Headquarters.


While in Nashua, NH, for the NESTMA meeting I had the opportunity to have a great visit with George Toma. He has been helping out the City of Nashua with the renovation and maintenance of their Minor League Baseball facility. It is always great to visit with George and receive his assurances that he is pleased with the way things are going with STMA. George continues to be a great supporter of STMA and, at the time this column was written, was trying to arrange his schedule to help the Certification Program by "testing" the test and giving us his feedback.

By the time you receive this, a group of long-time STMA members and University people will have gotten together in Chicago for what should be the final review of the Certification Test. If all goes as planned, materials will go into the mail to all members as soon as necessary approvals have been received from the Board and the National Certification Commission.

At last report, nearly 100% (1 member questioned 1 item) of the ballots on the Bylaws revisions approved the changes. Unless there is huge swing in the last couple of days for receiving ballots, the revised Bylaws will be accepted and in effect. Thanks to a hard working committee for all their efforts and to those of you who took time to review them and cast your ballot. The new Bylaws will become a part of the next Roster.

I hope you have received the new Roster and Compendium by now. The last of them went into the mail on September 3rd. We apologize for the delay. As you can see both publications are much larger than their predecessors were and that contributed to the delay. The graphics company we have worked with the past couple of years also let us down and did not complete their part in a timely or accurate way, resulting in additional delay. Needless to say, we have changed to another graphics company.

Full details on the Conference should be in your hands by now. We hope to see you there.

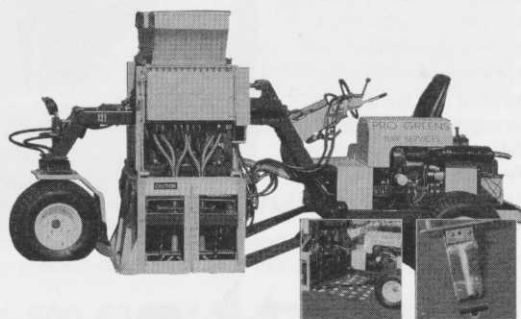


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