

## Board Meeting Report

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the Board members representing a Category serving as members of that committee.

Moffitt also noted that, with the establishment of the strategic planning committee and the Board's approval of proceeding with the strategic planning initiative, the Past Presidents Committee would change its focus to historical issues, but would remain as "unofficial" advisors. The input of those guiding this association from its beginnings is a valued asset to the Board and all the membership.

Conference Education Chair Bob Campbell reported on the status of the program and the excellent response by attendees in signing up for the two-hour workshops. Exhibits Chair Bob Curry noted all possible booth space had been sold and Headquarters had compiled a waiting list that could not be accommodated. The decision to hold the 2001 trade show in the Tampa Convention Center will allow sufficient room for growth. The Board approved the booth costs and contract details for 2001 and sign up sheets for that trade show were included in the packets the exhibitors received at registration.

Moffitt noted he had been notified the end of the previous week that the Rams had closed their practice field to all outsiders, including our Seminar on Wheels tour. He had arranged an alternate site visit. Those at the registration area were all to be informed of the change and the guides on all three of the buses were to be given an announcement to read before the buses departed so all participants would be aware of the change.

Trusty noted a Chapel Service had been added to the Sunday agenda, with Randy Mayfield & Rick Horton, who work with the Baseball Chapel and the Fellowship of Student Athletes conducting the service.

The Board reviewed the Certification Committee Recommendations on the criteria for CEU evaluation on the Conference and other educational programs. Trusty reported that Ross Kurcab of the Denver Broncos was the first individual to qualify for and successfully complete the test to achieve Certified Sports Field Manager status. Additional individuals have qualified for testing and five will be taking the test at the Conference.

Trusty reported that the Sports Turf Foundation Committee would be meeting at the Conference and requested funding to move forward in the legalities of establishment of the Foundation. The Board approved the funding and directed the Committee to move forward.

Trusty reported that both the Arizona Chapter and Gateway Chapter had completed the requirements for affiliation. The Board approved the affiliation of these Chapters.

The Board reviewed and approved the proposal for the 1999 Audit.



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that quest to reach their goals and is demonstrating the "and then some" spirit which is so much a part of Mr. Toma's approach to sports turf management.

Mr. Boyd "Rob" Montgomery, the 1999 recipient, has provided Sylvania Recreation with top-notch recreation facilities for the last 6 years. His expertise is demonstrated by the 1998 STMA Softball Field of the Year Award earned by one of the many athletic fields within his program. He shares his expertise by serving as a speaker and workshop leader both in Ohio turfgrass and parks and recreational conferences, at regional conferences and at the national level through the STMA Annual Conference.

Mr. Montgomery is President of the Great Lakes Sports Turf Managers Association and actively promotes both GLSTMA and STMA.

He demonstrates the "and then some" factor through such community outreach activities as his recent assistance with the field maintenance program and field renovation of one of the Sylvania school system stadium fields. He's also President of the Sylvania Chamber of Commerce and has chaired the Chamber's golf outing and served on its arts show program and fall festival committees.

Mr. Montgomery's outstanding dedication and commitment exemplify the standards recognized by the George Toma Golden Rake Award.

Recipient of the **Outstanding Commercial Affiliate Award for 1999** was **Covermaster Inc. of Rexdale, Ontario, Canada.**

The Award was presented to Covermaster in recognition of the company's long-standing and continuing support of STMA and of the personal commitment to STMA demonstrated by company President, Bob Curry.

The company is a long-term advertising supporter of STMA's publications; helps support the annual Conference; and continues to promote professionalism within the sports turf industry. Bob Curry, President of Covermaster Inc., has been a dedicated STMA Board member, serving as Category V (commercial) representative, Commercial Vice President, and as Exhibits Chair of the STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition. In addition, Mr. Curry has actively promoted STMA and its programs for field safety, playability, and increased professionalism within the sports turf industry across North America and overseas.

The recipient of the **1999 Presidents Award** was **Floyd Perry, Director of GMS (Grounds Maintenance**

**Services) for Sports Fields, Orlando, Florida.**

Mr. Perry is a long-time supporter of STMA and of the sports turf industry. This Award was presented, "In grateful recognition for the sharing of knowledge that exemplifies the Sports Turf Managers Association Mission Statement." The STMA Mission Statement is: "To be the leader in the sports turf industry, to enhance, promote and improve professionalism through excellence in communication, training, research, education and services.

Mr. Perry's continuing efforts to bring high standards of safety and playability to every athletic field through his clinics and workshops, speaking at local, regional and national conferences, and through his books and newsletters have made a positive impact throughout the industry. In addition, he is an active member of the STMA Certification Committee. Mr. Perry spreads the message of the importance of wise use of existing resources to create the best possible playing conditions for athletes of any age or level of ability.



### Congratulations to our Newly Certified



**Ross Kurcab, CSFM; Denver Broncos**

**Dale Getz, CSFM; University of Notre Dame**

**Eric Adkins, CSFM; Northwestern University**

**Ted Baker, CSFM; Park Dist. of Highland Park**



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