

Introducing - Your New Board Members!

Mr. Mike Andresen, Athletic Turf Manager at Iowa State University, is your new Board Member, Category II.

Mike holds an A.A. in Health & Recreation from Grand View College and an A.A.S. in Horticulture from Des Moines Area Community College. He was with the Iowa Cubs from 1991-1995 and has been at Iowa State since then. He is a 6-year member of the STMA. Mike has been on the Board of Directors for the Iowa Chapter of the STMA since 1992, serving as President in 1994 and was co-chair of the STMA National Chapter Relations Committee from 1996-1998. Mike lists his hobbies as Fly-tying and fishing, hunting, and playing "banker" to his 2 teenagers.



Mike Andresen

construction and scheduling processes. Communicate how field health reflects on athlete health.

Do you have any words of wisdom for your peers in the STMA?

We all need to commit ourselves to be better communicators. Our talents need to include more than just being superior groundskeepers.

Mr. Monty Montague, Director of Sports Turf Operations, Turfco Mfg., Inc./National Mower Company, is your new Board Member, Category V.

Monty has an Associates degree in Business and over 30 years experience in the industry, 11 in turf and 20+ in marketing. He has been an STMA member



Monty Montague

since 1990. His hobbies include golf and coaching both baseball and basketball.

Why did you decide to become a member of the STMA?

Ken Mrock of the Chicago Bears brought me to my first Conference. I joined soon after that because of the friendships and camaraderie of the members as well as the chance to help support safer sports fields.

What do you feel are major issues facing the sports turf industry today?

Education & Research are big issues that need to be addressed. We also need to find a way to get more association and industry information out to students at the High School level.

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Why did you decide to become a member of the STMA?

The networking aspect hooked me. Now, the friendships and networking are too good to let go of, professionally and personally!

What do you feel are major issues facing the sports turf industry today?

Overuse of facilities. The commitment of the facility managers (us) is not matched with the same commitment administratively.

What would you do to resolve some of these issues?

We have to accept no less than to be included in all levels of



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What would you do to resolve some of these issues?

I feel that the Board of Directors as well as vendor and research level members need to work together on research. We also need to work with members both locally and nationally to spread information on the Association to the High Schools.

Do you have any words of wisdom for your peers in the STMA?

We all need to do our part and still work together to keep up with the professional support of the STMA.

Mr. Mike Trigg, Superintendent of Parks for the Waukegan (IL) Park District, is your new Board Member, Category IV.

Mike holds a B. S. in Urban Forestry from Michigan Technological University and is a graduate of the Parks & Rec. Maintenance Management School conducted by North Carolina State University. He is a Certified Leisure Professional through the Illinois Park & Rec. Association. Mike is past president and Honorary Life Member of the Midwest Chapter and has served on the STMA National Raffle/Auction Committee for four years and on the conference educational committee for two years. He also is the 1989 recipient of the Beam Clay Baseball Diamond of the Year Award for Al Grosche Field. Mike lists his hobbies as gardening and his two boys. He volunteers for the Scouting program as an adult leader for both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and coaches their Little League Baseball teams.

Why did you decide to become a member of the STMA?

I became a member of STMA for the opportunities to share my knowl-

edge and experiences, but more importantly to learn more about sports turf management.

What do you feel are major issues facing the sports turf industry today?

Recognition of the important role that the sports turf manager plays in providing safe and playable athletic fields, particularly with park and recreation facilities.

What would you do to resolve some of these issues?

I want to be a catalyst for the continuing growth and development of the STMA. I would like to continue to be a part of the "professionalism" and of assistance to the membership, repaying what I have received in the past from many STMA members. Continuing the tradi-



Mike Trigg


tion of sharing information to build and maintain quality sports fields in our community is of the utmost importance to me.

Do you have any words of wisdom for your peers in the STMA?


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