Board Meeting Report

our STMA Board met on September 29 - 30, 2000, at the Wyndham Arlington DFW South, in Arlington, Texas.

STMA Finance Committee Chair, Bob Campbell, reported that the Finance Committee and Executive Director, Steve Trusty, met in Omaha, Nebraska, on August 23 to establish financial policies as outlined in the STMA Strategic Planning initiative and to develop the proposed 2001 budget. The committee also met with representatives from the auditing firm and the primary bank investment contact during this meeting.

Campbell reported STMA's financial position remains solid with income and expenses for 2000 in accordance with budget projections and with continued development of the reserve fund to insure longterm financial stability.

Much of the Board's meeting time was spent in review of the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee, the development of the 501(c)(3) Foundation, and the review and approval of the 2001 budget. Interaction between these three key major strategies for the association were explored, with key budget items for 2001 linked to the Board's acceptance of the recommended initiatives.

Significant Board action during this meeting included acceptance of the Strategic Plan as presented by the Strategic Planning Committee; acceptance of the formation of the 501(c)(3) Foundation as recommended by the Foundation Development Committee; acceptance of the financial policies as recommended by the Finance Committee; approval of the 2001 budget; approval of the association management contract with, and compensation package for, Trusty & Associates for 2001.

A Survey Committee was appointed to follow up on the development of a survey as proposed as part of the Strategic Plan initiative.

The Nominations Committee submitted a recommended slate of officers and board members for 2001.

The Board approved the affiliation of the South Texas chapter contingent on the completion of the necessary paperwork. The Board approved the recommendations of the Education Committee after their review of the logistics of establishing a lending library to instead provide a resource source book to address the educational resource assistance requested by the Chapters. The Committee noted they were proceeding with exploration of the establishment of a speaker resource list.

The Board reviewed 2001 and 2002 Conference details. The Board also reviewed the preliminary information on potential Conference sites for 2003 and directed Trusty to continue to explore site options with those cities and facilities bidding for the 2003 Conference and to report his recommendations to the Board.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th, 2001, in Tampa, Florida, in conjunction with the STMA Conference and Exhibition. The STMA Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2001, also in conjunction with the Conference. If anyone has comments or questions on STMA or STMA Board action, you are invited to contact STMA Headquarters or any STMA Officer or Board Member. All are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

