Your Board Meeting Report

Directors met in San Diego, California. This location was chosen to allow the Board to check out proposed facilities since San Diego was the top contender among potential Conference sites for the STMA 2004 Conference. The Board voted to accept the San Diego location and meeting site contingent on successful contract negotiations. Since then, Executive Director Steve Trusty has negotiated with the facility and finalized contract details. STMA will hold its 2004 Conference at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego on January 21 to 25.

The Board approved the minutes of the April 6 - 7, 2001, Board Meeting, the Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2001, and the Check Disbursement Listing. The Budget for the 2002 Conference also was reviewed and approved.

The 2002 Conference Education Committee presented the draft of the proposed program for Board

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Several proposals from the Membership Committee were reviewed and discussed by the Board. A major initiative approved by the Board was the membership referral program. (See page 7 for details.) The kickoff of this program is tied to the October first start date of the end of the year membership promotion. The Board reviewed the 2002 dues structure and approved retaining the current membership rates throughout 2002. The Board also approved the Committee's recommendations on updating the membership brochure. That work is in process.

The Marketing Committee presented to the Board several requests for approval to move forward with specific initiatives. This approval was granted, with the Committee directed to present the work completed for approval at the next Board meeting.

Another major issue was Board review and approval of the sponsorship of the Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year Awards as presented by the Awards Committee. See details of this in the Headquarters Report.

The Board also reviewed and approved the nomination procedures for STMA officers and board members as presented by the Nominations Committee. This put into written form the procedures and timelines STMA had been using for several years. The call for nominations to the STMA membership was issued in the July/August issue of this newsletter with September 15 the deadline.

Among other key items addressed by the Board were the status reports presented by the Chapter Relations Committee, Certification Committee, Technical Standards Committee, Survey Committee and Website Committee. The Board also reviewed and discussed the results of the Executive Director and Management Firm evaluations completed prior to the Board Meeting.

Finance and Audit Committee Chair, Bob Campbell, CSFM, requested all Committee Chairs to present their budget requests for 2002 by the end of August, 2001, in preparation for the Finance and Audit Committee scheduled for September 12, 2001.

The next Board Meeting will be held October 12 - 13, 2001, at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.



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