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## President's Message

We're On A Roll!

By Murray Cook

It's official!! Another successful and exciting conference for our members has also met our financial goals for the Association. Thanks to the vendors, members and our STMA staff for all of your support in Las Vegas.

Now we look to San Antonio, Texas, for our next conference which is shaping up to be a tremendous show. The dates are January 15 - 19, 2003. Our Headquarters Hotel is the Hyatt Regency Hotel on the Riverwalk. Our Exhibition Site is the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. I spoke with many of you in Vegas about the conference and how to make next year's program even better. I appreciate the feedback.

Speaking of feedback, I heard from many of you about our magazine, SportsTURF. Both good and bad comments were taken to the Board for review and advisement. Obviously, we hope the new style and layout will be a positive concept for our sponsors and readers. Adams Business Media is working closely with the staff and the Board to determine how we can continue to improve the publication for everyone based on the comments received about the previous issues. We thank you for your input and your patience!

For those who were unable to attend the Conference, please welcome our new Board members: Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, Director of Facilities and Maintenance for the Sylvania (Ohio) Recreation Corp. who represents the members serving in Parks and Recreation positions and Vickie Wallace, Technical Agronomist for Turf-Seed, Inc., who represents our Commercial members.

The web page is growing with tremendous content and interactive discussions for anyone who needs informa-



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tion. Our service provider BlueStep is also taking notes on how we can better utilize our web page for communication purposes. What I find exciting is the ability to post information or questions you may have for general discussion. Take a minute and link up to [www.sportsturfmanager.com](http://www.sportsturfmanager.com).

At the annual Board meeting we appointed chairs for the following committees. Each committee chair would love to hear from you about issues or ideas about how we can grow our organization:

- Mike Andresen, CSFM, Membership Committee Chair
  - Dr. Tony Koski, Education Committee Chair
  - Vickie Wallace, Marketing Committee Chair
  - Abby McNeal, CSFM, Chapter Relations Committee Chair, and Dave Rulli, Board Liaison
  - Dale Getz, CSFM, Certification Committee Chair
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  - Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, Web Site Committee Chair
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  - Bob Campbell, CSFM, Strategic Planning Committee Chair
  - Tim Moore, CSFM, Awards Committee Chair
  - Bob Campbell, CSFM, Conference Committee Chair, with Dr. Tony Koski Conference Education
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Subcommittee Chair and Monty Montague Conference Exhibition Subcommittee Chair

- Rich Moffitt, Nominations Committee Chair
- Rich Moffitt, Bylaws Committee Chair
- Rich Moffitt, Past Presidents Committee Chair

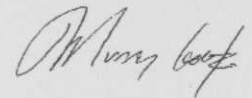
These folks and all of your Board members can use your help on completing the initiatives set forth in our Strategic Plan. Several of these committees have subcommittees that could use assistance as well. Contact Steve or Suz Trusty at STMA Headquarters for potential openings if you feel your background can help your industry in these areas.

I would like to thank Rich Moffitt for leading our organization as President during the past two years and for the input he'll continue to provide as he serves on the Board as Immediate Past President.

Last, but certainly not least, I ask you to join me

in thanking two individuals who have made great contributions to the Association and the Industry over their years of serving on the STMA Board. Steve Guise, Director of Business Development for Marina Landscape, Inc., served in several positions over his long-time service as Board Member and Officer, and leaves the Board after completing his role as Immediate Past President. Lynda Wightman, National Specifications Manager for Hunter Industries, leaves the Board as the retiring Commercial Vice President after previously serving as the Board member representing the Commercial membership.

It's this kind of dedication and commitment that have brought your Association to ever higher levels. Remember, get involved! Working together, our future will be even brighter!



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## NEWS FLASH!

If everything goes as planned, about the time you read this, your STMA Headquarters will be moving to new digs. The Trustys are in the process of purchasing a building in Council Bluffs that will become their new offices and the offices of STMA and SAFE. Until everything is finalized and for whatever time is necessary, contacts with Headquarters will still be able to be made with all the old addresses and numbers. When the move is finalized, the new physical address will be 1027 3rd Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. Payments will still be mailed to the PO BOX in Omaha (PO Box 3480, Omaha, NE 68103-0480). The new phone and fax numbers have not yet been assigned. We are in the process of obtaining new, faster Internet addresses. The new offices will allow for continued growth and expansion of services. We hope that if you are ever in the Council Bluffs area that you will stop by and see your National Headquarters.