#### **Call for Nominations**

Your Nominations Committee is seeking individuals willing to serve STMA as Board members representing the following groups of our membership:

• Sports Turf Managers of facilities used by professional teams;

• Sports Turf Managers of the facilities of schools other than colleges and universities (elementary, middle schools, high schools or junior colleges); and

• STMA Commercial members.

If you feel a strong commitment to STMA and would like to get involved, or if you know of someone you'd like to recommend, please contact STMA Headquarters.

STMA has a WORKING Board. The Board meets four times a year: once in conjunction with the Annual Conference, then once in March, July and November. The 1-1/2-day meetings usually are held on Friday afternoons and all day Saturday.

In addition, Board Members are asked to chair, or to serve on, one or more committees, provide input to other committees, review and vote on key issues affecting the direction of the STMA, and be responsive to the needs of the membership.

All nominations, questions or requests for further information may be directed to STMA Headquarters, 1027 South 3rd Street, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503, phone: 800/323-3975; fax: 800/366-0391 or email: STMAHQ@st.omhcoxmail.com.

All nominations input must be received by July 15th.

## **Doc's Dugout**

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Jim has served the turfgrass industry exceptionally well as a spokesperson and as a distinguished professor.

In all the years of public speaking when he represented the Toro Company Jim exhibited his professionalism by never preaching sales or Toro products. He has always been an educator, not a salesman.

### **Contributions to Sports Turf**

Jim has been actively involved with sports turf managers for most of his life. He has been a strong supporter of STMA and its goals and objectives. He served as Commercial Vice President for STMA in the late 80's and early 90's. He was instrumental in the formation of the SAFE Foundation. For many years he served as advisor for the NFL and resource person to one of STMA's founders, George Toma, for Super Bowls. When the United States hosted the World Cup Soccer matches in the 1990s, he was the agronomic coordinator along with STMA member, Steve Cockerham. In 1991, Jim was presented STMA's highest award, the Harry Gill Award, and is among a select group of people who are honorary life members of STMA.

Today, Jim is living in Littleton, Colorado, with his family and enjoying retirement. But when he is asked to speak or look at some problem blades of grass he is always accommodating. I look forward every year at STMA's annual meeting and conference to sharing experience, knowledge and fellowship with Dr. Jim.

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