

## Your Board Meeting Report

The STMA Board of Directors met at the Marriott Suites O'Hare in Chicago, Illinois, on October 26th and 27th, 2003. The Board approved the minutes of the July 18th and 19th, 2003, Board Meeting. The Board reviewed and approved the Preliminary Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2003. The Board also reviewed and accepted the Committee Reports as submitted. Among the major issues addressed by the Board was the review of the recommendations of the Bylaws Review Committee, chaired by Ken Mrock. These recommendations included revisions to the STMA Bylaws and to the STMA Code of Ethics, and presentation of an additional document, the STMA Professional Conduct Guidelines. The Board approved these materials as presented, directing that the Bylaws revisions be submitted to the STMA membership for their vote, and the other two documents submitted for review and comments.

Much of the Board Meeting was focused on review of the progress STMA Committees had made in 2003 and of their plans for achieving their goals for 2004 and analyzing the impact on these goals of funding as pro-

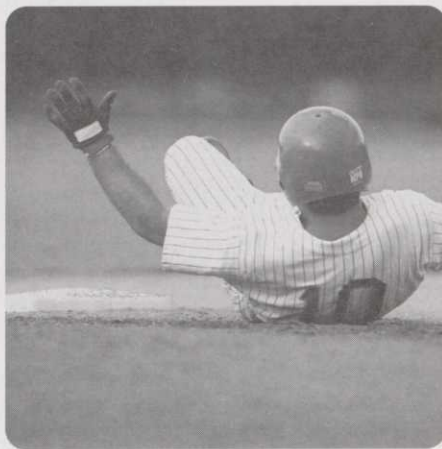
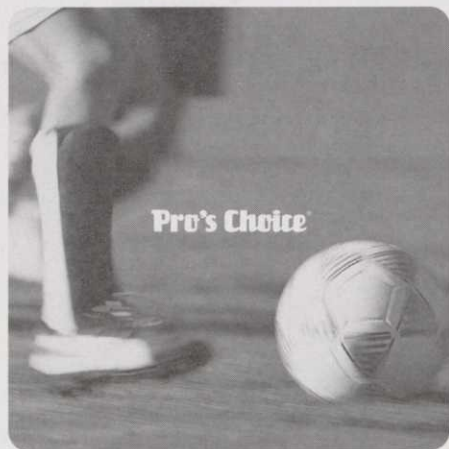
posed by the Finance and Audit Committee in the preliminary 2004 budget. Budget line items were reviewed and discussed, with revisions made during the finalization of the 2004 budget as approved by the Board. Proposals from the University of Georgia and from Michigan State University on the Turfgrass Information File were reviewed and accepted.

Other major issues addressed by the Board included: Marketing Committee proposals for continuing image enhancement, 2004 Conference details, review of the progress in development and implementation of the new Membership Management System, details for development of an electronic newsletter in 2004, discussion items raised by the Chapter Relations Committee, review of ongoing initiatives in interaction and potential alliances with targeted green-industry associations, website enhancement, and membership service issues.

The next Board Meeting will be held January 20th, 2003, at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego, California, in conjunction with STMA's 15th Annual Conference & Exhibition.

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