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# President's Desk

BY PAUL GILLEN

**A**s this message is being written, the west has seen snow and well below zero temperatures and the east is bracing for the same later this week. Welcome to winter. Now is the time to consider what you need for next year and start the planning process.



Courtesy of ORFA

**POSA Synthetic Turf Seminar.** STA President Paul Gillen welcomes attendees October 28th in Mississauga.

The POSA "Introduction to Synthetic Turf" seminar was held at the Hershey Sports Centre in Mississauga on October 27 & 28. From all of the evaluations received, it was well accepted and appreciated. Thanks to our guest speakers, exhibitors, and the host complex, for all of their efforts in making this event such a success.

Due to wide ranging interest on the topic, we've made synthetic turf the primary focus of this issue. Also, as mentioned on the cover, there will be supplemental information at two additional sessions planned for the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium at the University of Guelph in February.

**Have you thought of playing a more active role in the STA? Being a director is a rewarding volunteer effort – not to mention a great networking opportunity. Nominations are due December 24th and our AGM is held in conjunction with the OTS in February.**

Speaking of the OTS, see the program at a glance included on page 8. There are a number of STA members on the speaker roster this year. Also making a presentation will be Kim Heck, Executive Manager of the Sports Turf Managers Association in the US. Ms. Heck has spoken to international audiences in the past but this is her first visit to Canada and we are fortunate to have her attend the OTS. It should be an interesting session.

The annual STMA Conference is in Austin, Texas in January, 2011. A reminder that your STA membership entitles you to register at STMA member rates. Details can be found at [www.stma.org](http://www.stma.org). There is a registration form available on the STA website via the "Members Only" section.

I would encourage all of you to make plans to attend the STA Annual General meeting to be held in conjunction with the OTS on February 23. All members have received a call for nominations for directors and officers, and these are due no later than December 24. This is your association – make it work for you.