

# Sports Turf Association Elects 2011-2012 Officers & Directors

**GUELPH, ON.** Members of the Sports Turf Association (STA) elected the 2011/2012 officers and directors at the annual meeting held during the recent Ontario Turfgrass Symposium. Newly elected vice president is Tennessee Propedo of the City of Hamilton. President Paul Gillen/AerWay, past president Gord Dol/Dol Turf Restoration, and secretary Andrew Gaydon/Vanden Bussche Irrigation continue in their roles. Returning to the board for a new term are treasurer Rick Lane/City of St. Catharines and directors Bill Clausen/University of Guelph and Jason Inwood/City of Vaughan. Joining the board are new directors John D'Ovidio and David Warden, both of the City of Mississauga.

Others currently serving the association are directors Dave Chapman/City of Toronto, Bob Kennedy/Sports Turf Management Solutions, Ken Pavely/Dufferin LawnLife, Paul Turner/G.C. Duke Equipment, Ben Tymchyshyn/MMM Group and Dennis Wale/City of Brantford. Murray Cameron/City of Guelph and Bruce Carman/The Country Day School did not stand for re-election.

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Jim Pitman, City of Brampton, ON

Richard Outred, Earthco Soil Mixtures Inc.  
Concord, ON

Tony Martel, Carpell Surfaces Inc., Granby, QC

Debby Westlake, Vissers Sod Farm, Hampton, ON

Pat Hester, Clintar, Barrie, ON

Pat Celebre, Gerry Costello

Morgan Crewson, Joseph D'Agata

Fayne Downie, Chris Edwards

Marcel Gravell, George Green

Gordon Hammer, David Jervis

Joseph MacDonald, Craig March

Stuart Miller, Mark Ongaro, Mark Orr

Ann Marie Plunkett, Bill Reddick

Terry Rinaldo, City of Hamilton, ON



*Another Successful Turf Symposium*  
OTS Speakers Kim Heck, Sports Turf Managers Association,  
and Gord Horsman, City of Moncton.

## OTS 2011 Attracts Record Number of Delegates

The 2011 Ontario Turfgrass Symposium (OTS) attracted the largest crowd in recent years this past February 23 and 24. Held at Rozanski Hall at the University of Guelph, nearly 500 delegates, speakers and sponsors gathered to participate in leading edge seminars and educational sessions. The Ontario Turfgrass Symposium is an annual event that attracts turf specialists from municipal, sports field, sod, lawn care and golf sectors. Over 30 sessions were offered, providing practical and applied training to turf managers and staff.

Both industry speakers and academics were part of the speaker roster allowing for a very broad range of topics. Delegates had a chance to discuss presentations during networking opportunities at the symposium and the Bullring Social.

Details for OTS 2012 will be available later this summer. Visit [www.ots.open.uoguelph.ca](http://www.ots.open.uoguelph.ca) or call 519.767.5000 for more information.

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