

# ASPA convention draws record crowd

A record 425 people viewed over 40 exhibits and demonstrations at the American Sod Producer Association's 11th annual summer convention and field day in July. Guests from Australia, England and Sweden and a group from the Nursery Sod Growers Association of Ontario attended.

Booth exhibits were educational, as many suppliers to the sod industry were there to answer specific questions about their lines.

Several types of irrigation equipment and sprayers were demonstrated at the Green-Glo Turf Farms Thursday afternoon. At the Glenn Rehbein maintenance shop many innovative features, including a mini-computer for farm/sod operations, were demonstrated and discussed.

New officers and board members were introduced. Glenn Rehbein, Glenn Rehbein Farms, is now the president of ASPA. E. John Hope, Manderley Turf Farms, took over as vice president, replacing Charles Lain of Pine Island Turf Nursery who has been appointed to fill an unexpired term on the board of directors, created by the resignation of Rober Hummer. Paul Unruh, Unruh's Turf Farm, is now secretary and Chris Beasley, Tuckahoe Turf Farms, is the new treasurer.

The board of trustees for ASPA now includes Chris Beasley, Ray Weekly, Prince William Turf Growers, Woodrow Wilson, Eastside Nursery, Charles Davis, Wharton Turf Grass, Emory Patton, Turf Center, and Charles Lain.

Friday was spent at Harley's Sod Farm watching demonstrations of actual sod farm operations, including mowing, harvest, loading, and the equipment involved.



Mayor George Latimer welcomes ASPA to St. Paul



ASPA president Norman LeGrande gives industry update.



Harley Johnson of Minn. Turf Assoc. acts as host.



Business review and future goals capture members (above) interest. Booths and demonstrations (below and bottom left) highlighted show.



Bob Garey (right), executive director, was instrumental in programs success.

