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ATHLETIC TURF



Harry Gill (seated, center) gets a standing ovation from the dais as he is named permanent special advisor to the STMA Board of Directors. Honoring Gill are (from left): executive secretary Mark Hodnick, president George Rokosh, "Lawn Ranger" award-winner David Frey and Bruce Shank of *Sports Turf*.

STMA honors members

The Sports Turf Managers Association honored **David Frey**, **Harry Gill** and two students during its recent annual conference in Houston, Texas.

Frey, head groundskeeper at Cleveland Stadium, was recipient of the "Lawn Ranger" award, honoring the STMA's groundsman of the year. Gill, head groundskeeper at Milwaukee County Stadium, was named "Man of the Year" by *Golf and Sports Turf* magazine.

George Wehrmaker, a senior at Texas A&M University, received the \$500 Harry Gill Scholarship; **Patrick Sherer**, a freshman at Cal Poly Pomona, received the Jeff Wishard Scholarship.

New STMA president **George Rokosh** of the College of DuPage (Ill.) took the gavel from **Steve Cockerham** of the University of California at Riverside, who becomes immediate past president. Other officers are: president-elect **Twyla Hansen** of Nebraska Wesleyan University, vice president **Larry Elliott** of Missouri Paint Supplies, treasurer and executive director *pro temp* **Mark Hodnick** of Cal Poly Pomona, and secretary **Gil Landry** of the University of Georgia.

Other members of the board of directors are: **Dale Sandin** of the Orange Bowl, **Ken Mrock** of the Chicago Bears, **John Culbertson** of Pacific Sod, **David Minner** of the University of Missouri and **Greg Petry** of the Waukegan (Ill.) Park District.

Gill, an STMA co-founder, was also named permanent special advisor to the board.

With 125 registered guests, the STMA convention grew by 50 percent over its 1988 edition, according to office manager **Gini Scharfman**. The 1990 annual conference will be held at the beginning of December.