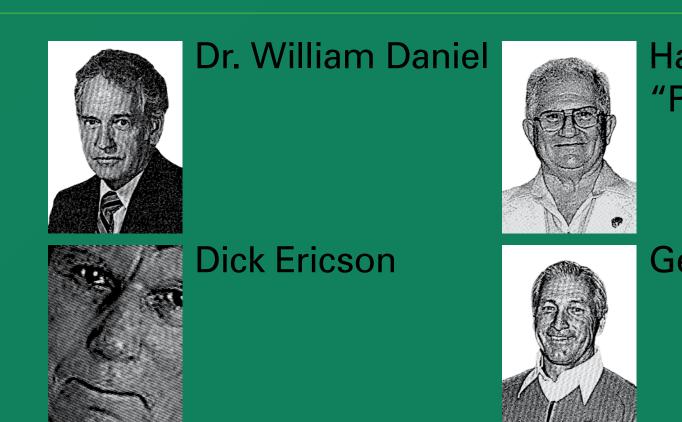
# MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

Experts on the Field, Partners in the Game. www.stma.org

# 1981



Dr. William Daniel, Professor **Emeritus, Purdue University,** Dick Ericson, Minneapolis Metrodome, Harry "Pops" Gill, Milwaukee County Stadium, and George Toma, National Football League meet at the Muehlbach Hotel in Kansas City, MO to form an association dedicated to sports turf and STMA is born

1982



**Established the Lawn Ranger** Award, the associations highest honor, and presented it to Harry C. Gill

# 1981-1984

Shared office space and personnel with the National Institute of Grounds Management, Appleton, WI

1984

Dr. Kent Kurtz, California

State Polytechnic University-

Pomona, appointed as first

**Executive Director** 

60 members

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Debuted SportsTURF Magazine

Incorporated as a

Sports Turf Million
Manager's Association

not-for-profit association

Sports Turf News

300 Members

1986-1988

First National Conference held for three years in conjunction with GCSAA

1987

Established a national office in Upland, CA

1989

Hosted its first independent conference at Dodgertown in Vero Beach, FL

1990

Midwest

1991

Presented first

Founders Award

Dr. William H. Daniel

to Steve Cockerham

Affiliated its first three

Association managed by

a company in Las Vegas, NV

chapters: Colorado, Florida #1,

# 1992

Smith, Bucklin & Associates assumed management and moved offices to Chicago, IL

Launched STMA Field of the Year program

# 1993

Scholarship Program established

# 1996

Dr. Kent Kurtz appointed as STMA Historian

**10th Annual Conference** held in Anaheim, CA

**Trusty and Associates** assumed management and relocated offices to Council Bluffs, IA

1997

Presented first

Presented first

Dick Ericson Founders

**Award to Merton Johnson** 

George Toma Golden Rake

**Award to Timothy Burke** 

# 2001

SAFE

e Foundation for Safer Athletic Field

SportsTurf Magazine published as a tabloid

Certified Sports Field Manuage Certified Sports Field

Manager Program launched

The Foundation for Safer

(SAFE) is established

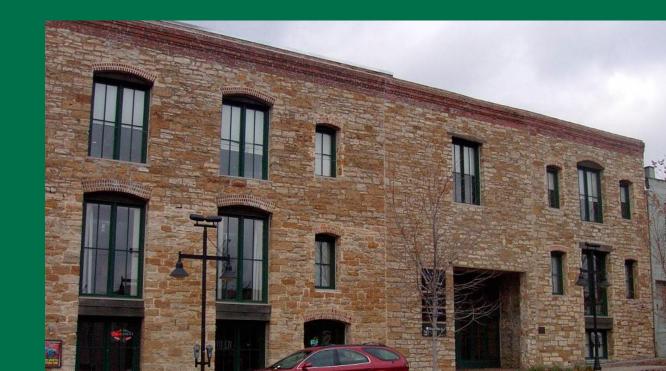
**Athletic Field Environments** 

## 2003

for members' benefit

## 2004

STMA newsletter distributed electronically



Hired first CEO and moved headquarters to Lawrence, KS

Partnered with Minor League Baseball to present **Sports Turf Manager of** the Year Awards



Debuted new logo

# SportsTurf SportsTurf 25 Magazine Silver Anniversary redesigned

2006

Benchmark Membership Satisfaction Survey conducted



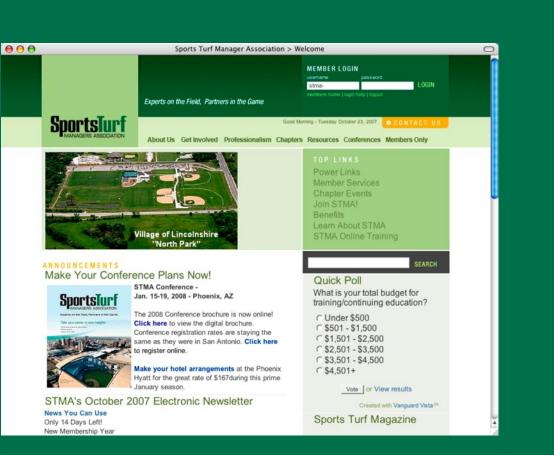
First multimedia and web-based education offered

Affiliated its 28th, 29th, and 30th chapters: Intermountain, North Florida, Ozarks

> STMA ended its 25th year with 2,532 members



Forged partnership with Michigan State's TGIF



Launched STMA website

## 2005

First Annual Student Collegiate Challenge competition conducted

Designated educational partner of NIAAA



















