

The President's Desk – Gord Dol

Winter has arrived. The time has finally come to sit back and reflect on the past season. A time to analyze what went well and what didn't go so well. For many of you, it is also budget preparation time, which I'm sure promises to be a daunting task given the current economic environment.

OTS is Just Around The Corner

The 2010 Ontario Turfgrass Symposium will be held February 17 & 18 in Rozanski Hall, University of Guelph. This year promises to be another great educational forum. The Sports Turf Association is proud to be a part of OTS, now in its 19th year.

On February 17, during the OTS, we also hold our annual general meeting, open to all members. At that time, we'll be electing new directors to the board. Now would be the time to consider allowing your name to stand for election. If this interests you, please speak to any board member or call Lee at our office. Deadline for nominations is December 18.



It has been a great honour being your president for the past few years. I urge you to consider joining the Sports Turf Association board. It's a great network of dedicated professionals and an idea sounding board.

New International Affiliation

I am very pleased to announce a recent agreement with the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA). The STA is now recognized by the STMA as an International Affiliate Organization. This officially opens the door to share information and resources between both organizations. STMA will also offer STA members access to their annual conference, education and training courses at member rates. I would like to thank Paul Gillen and Bob Kennedy for their hard work pulling this together.

Term Coming to a Close

I have had the honour and privilege of being president of this great organization since the spring of 2006. Paul Gillen (our current VP) will be assuming the role

after the AGM. We have accomplished many tasks and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lee and the boards of the last four years for their hard work and dedication. I will be moving into the past president's position and look forward to many more years of service to both the STA and the sports turf industry. ♦

