<u>Melanie Stanton Begins Duties as TPI</u> <u>Executive Director</u>



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West Dundee, Ill.-Melanie Stanton began her duties as executive director of Turfgrass Producers International Jan. 13, 2014. ☑

Melanie comes to TPI from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) in Arlington Heights, Illinois where she served as accreditation manager. While at ASPS, Melanie secured an unprecedented six-year accreditation that allowed the Society to more efficiently allocate staff resources to other projects and to secure outside funding for programs and worked with groups to develop and implement flexible long-term planning that helped them to impact public policy.

Prior to that, Melanie enjoyed a successful career with The Sherwood Group in Northbrook, Ill., initially serving as their administrative director before being promoted to account executive. She also previously served as meeting manager for ACCESS Medical Group in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Melanie holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Northwestern University.

"We are pleased to welcome Melanie to the TPI team," says Weerts. "We believe her management, association experience and customer service capabilities will assist TPI with accelerated growth, strategic direction and membership communications in the immediate future.

Melanie will be in contact with all TPI members, manufacturers and suppliers in the next few months as she transitions into this leadership position. Ms. Stanton will be introduced to the Association at the TPI 2014 International Education Conference and Field Day in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 24-27, 2014." ?