



## ***How to Get Involved with The Coastal Society!***

The Coastal Society (TCS) is an organization of private sector, academic, and government professionals and students. The Society is dedicated to actively addressing emerging coastal issues by fostering dialogue, forging partnerships, and promoting communication and education. Formed in 1977, TCS is a nonprofit, membership-based organization which relies on volunteers to assist the staff and Board of Directors with planning and implementing activities that support the TCS mission. What is your interest? Help us connect, communicate, and cooperate with the many people involved in coastal and ocean issues nationwide.

### ***Join Us as a Member***

TCS is successful due to the support of its members and donors. For members' convenience, TCS has multiple member categories. Active and retired coastal management professionals can join as Regular or Retired members. The New Professional category is for professionals who have been out of school for fewer than two years. In addition, there are Student and Library memberships. Institutions or organizations can opt to support TCS at the Institutional level and name two individuals to receive membership benefits. Corporate membership is available to companies, businesses and organizations that want to support TCS at a higher level. Corporate membership entitles the company to list four individuals to receive membership benefits. Please call TCS or visit our website, [www.thecoastalsociety.org](http://www.thecoastalsociety.org), for more information about the benefits of membership and how to join.

### ***Online Membership Networking Directory***

Connect with other TCS members near you, or find someone with expertise you may need. Members complete their own online profiles, select which information to include in a search, and then start connecting with others in this exclusive group of coastal professionals and students.

### ***Attend Our Biennial Conferences***

Every two years, TCS holds an international conference to discuss the cutting edge issues and best practices of coastal management. The next biennial conference, the 24th International Conference, will be held in 2014. Both presenters and participants are needed at the conference to provide scientific and management information relevant to solving contemporary coastal problems, changing behaviors, and to present questions or case studies that allow for dialogue, learning, and the sharing of solutions. This is also a great opportunity for professional networking. Institutional and Corporate members may want to consider becoming exhibitors or sponsors.

### ***Contribute an Article to the TCS Bulletin***

*The Coastal Society Bulletin* serves as TCS's primary communication vehicle. It is published online and includes articles on current coastal management issues, organizational news, items of interest from around the coasts, announcements of upcoming meetings and conferences, and

reports on coastal-related legal developments. Regular features include reports from the Society's chapters and highlights of an experience or opinion by a TCS member. If you are interested in contributing material to the *Bulletin*, please contact the Editor-in-Chief, Ellen Gordon, at [ellen@gordonballard.com](mailto:ellen@gordonballard.com).

### ***Join a Committee or the Board of Directors***

For members who are interested in shaping the future of TCS, consider joining a committee or running for the Board? The Coastal Society needs a variety of skills and talented individuals to help implement TCS plans and achieve TCS objectives. These opportunities include the:

Chapters Committee	Education Committee
Communications Committee	Membership Committee
Conference Planning Committee	Special Projects Committee
Development Committee	Board of Directors

A wide variety of short and long-term options are available, such as creating informational and outreach materials, planning regional events, finding funding and resources, and helping further the work of the organization. Current members interested in taking a leadership role in TCS are encouraged to contact the Executive Director or a Board member to learn more.

### ***Participate in an Education Project***

In order to carry out The Coastal Society's goals of professional education, and supporting and furthering the careers of students and professionals, there are a number of ways to assist with both "pre-professional education" and "continuing education." These include:

- Working on student presentation awards at biennial TCS conferences;
- Supporting student travel to biennial TCS conferences through fundraising;
- Hosting student training opportunities at Coastal Zone and TCS conferences;
- Encouraging networking and career opportunities for TCS members; and
- Working in partnership with other organizations to address the need for better integration of science and solutions into policymaking.

### ***Help with the TCS Web Site***

TCS members with communications and web design experience are always welcome to contribute their talents toward building the features of the web site. A photo album could be added, or new networking features to connect members. Let us know how you would like to help with the web site.

### ***Contact The Coastal Society with More Ideas***

If you have additional ideas for supporting The Coastal Society's goals and objectives that you don't see listed here, or are interested in becoming a sponsor partner, please call or write us. We look forward to hearing from you!

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