



Membership Benefits

Join forces with your colleagues in an international society that addresses technical, policy, educational, and management issues with a coastal focus. A key part of the mission of The Coastal Society (TCS) is to provide professional education and development to members through communication and education. To accomplish that mission, TCS offers you the following benefits of membership:

International Conference

Share your experience and research at the international biennial conferences of The Coastal Society. Participate in the development of better strategies for addressing your coastal concerns with experts and specialists from a wide variety of disciplines. The next biennial conference, the 24th International Conference, will be held in 2014. Take part in shaping the program for this conference and future conferences by joining the conference planning committee. Save money with the member's discount on TCS conference registration fees. The difference in price is enough to pay your dues for next year! Conference registration includes a Conference Proceedings, now published online.

E-mail List

Receive weekly notification of coastal management jobs, and periodic announcements of upcoming conferences, educational opportunities, and news briefs on coastal issues. Other information is posted to the Members Only section of the web site.

Online Networking Directory

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. Connect with other TCS members near you, or find someone with expertise you may need.

TCS Bulletin

Put to use the information found in the *TCS Bulletin*, disseminated electronically to members, that features coastal news, policy announcements, and research updates, plus regular articles on legal issues, legislative action, international events, and coastal management strategies. Keep up with other members via the "Member News" section.

Journal

Keep abreast of research findings, analysis, tools and techniques as you set policy and manage our coastal resources -- and save money at the same time. TCS Regular, Institutional and Corporate membership categories include a subscription to *Coastal Management*, the international journal of marine environment, resources, law and society.

Free Publications

TCS members or their organizations may offer to make their publications available to the entire TCS membership. Though we won't provide members or their organizations with the TCS mailing list, we will work with you to help distribute your publication electronically or via mail. Want to share your publication with other members? Just contact us.

Choose a Membership Category

TCS strives to provide useful benefits for every category of membership while keeping dues rates appropriate to that category. Choose the best category for your current situation.

Regular ~ Professionals in all facets of coastal management and citizens with an interest in coastal resources who are interested in supporting the mission of The Coastal Society would be Regular members. They will receive all the benefits listed above. Dues are \$70 for a calendar year of membership. Initiation dues are also \$70 regardless of the date when you join.

New Professional ~ Professionals in all facets of coastal management who have been out of school for less than two years are entitled to a special reduced dues rate. While the calendar-year dues of \$40 is too low to include the subscription to *Coastal Management*, all the other benefits of membership are yours for the taking. When joining please note the date of graduation and the institution. Initiation dues are also \$50 regardless of the date when you join.

Retired ~ Former professionals in all facets of coastal management and citizens with an interest in coastal resources who are over age 65 and retired from full time employment are entitled to pay a special reduced dues rate of \$40. While this dues rate is too low to include the subscription to *Coastal Management*, all the other benefits of membership are included. When joining please note the date of retirement and the former institution. Initiation dues are also \$40 regardless of the date when you join.

Student ~ Currently enrolled as a graduate, undergraduate or secondary school student? Then take advantage of the lowest possible dues rate from TCS. The calendar-year dues of \$20 is less than a Saturday night out. This dues rate won't cover a subscription to *Coastal Management*, but you can probably access it through your school's library. When joining please include your advisor's name and email address. Initiation dues are also \$20 regardless of the date when you join. However, if you are joining during the fall semester, your membership will be extended through the end of the next year.

Library ~ Any library may become a library member. From past experience we've learned that library members are really subscribing to the *TCS Bulletin*. That's why the category does not have the benefit of voting, and most librarians opt out of the email announcements list. Subscriptions to *Coastal Management* must be made directly with the publisher instead of through TCS. We appreciate the assistance of our library members in disseminating information from coastal resource managers and scientists. Annual dues are \$50.

Institutional ~ Any institution or organization interested in supporting the mission of TCS is welcome to join at the support level of \$250. This category of membership entitles the Institutional member to provide the name and contact information for two individuals who will each receive all the benefits of a Regular member.

Dues are on a calendar year basis, and Initiation dues are also \$250 regardless of the date of joining.

Corporate ~ Any company, business, or organization interested in supporting the mission of TCS at the \$500 level will be a Corporate member. This category of membership entitles the Corporate member to provide the name and contact information for four individuals who will each receive all the benefits of a Regular member. Dues are on a calendar year basis, and Initiation dues are also \$500 regardless of the date of joining.

How to Join

The fastest way to join is to complete the online membership form on the TCS web site at www.thecoastalsociety.org and use a credit card through the link to PayPal. If you prefer to use a check, download the form, complete it, and mail it with your check payable to: The Coastal Society. We look forward to welcoming you as a TCS member!

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