

## ANNUAL REPORT 1996

### FINANCIAL STATUS

January 1, 1996	\$22,682.59
January 1, 1997	\$19,586.18

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS

January 1, 1996	212 members
January 1, 1997	232 members

### MAJOR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES IN 1996

**15th Biennial Conference** -- A record for high attendance was set by the 371 attendees during the conference held July 14 - 17, 1996, in Seattle, WA. The conference theme, "Seeking Balance: Conflict, Resolution & Partnership" was carried out through plenary sessions during which the challenge of balancing development with conservation and the opportunities for partnership in resolution was illustrated with examples from the Greater Pacific Northwest, North Carolina, California and other areas. Participants were encouraged to think about the future direction of ocean and coastal management at the opening of the conference through the process of listening to a futurist' presentation, focus group discussion and panel commentary. The conference concluded with reports from roving rapporteurs on the content of discussions held throughout the conference proceedings which related to the future of ocean and coastal management. A summary report will be published in the Bulletin.

**16th Biennial Conference** -- Plans are already underway for the next conference to be held in July, 1998 in Williamsburg, VA, the theme of which will be "Minding the Coast: It's Everybody's Business". The content of the conference will keep in mind the United Nations' proclamation of 1998 as the International Year of the Ocean. Look for the Call for Papers in the fall of 1997.

**Relations with Allied Organizations** -- TCS President Michael K. Orbach represented the Society at Eurocoast's Littoral 1996 as the only United States representative among attendees from 27 European countries. His presentation was on the relationship between science and policy. Their conference director visited President Orbach and Past President William Queen in North Carolina. These visits offer TCS opportunities for collaboration or interchange with Eurocoast members in the areas of coastal hazards, shipping, fisheries and ecosystem planning.

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**Bylaws Amendments** -- Two technical amendments were passed by the membership. The amendments bring into alignment individual Bylaws in reference to the term of office of the President-Elect and of the Directors.

**Publications** -- In its 18th year of publication, the Bulletin, the newsletter of information on Society activities, coastal information and newsworthy events, was published twice. The Society membership brochure was revised to reflect current membership benefits and was distributed at TCS 15 conference.

**Board Meetings and Annual Business Meeting** -- The board of Directors met in March, May, July and September. Meetings included reports from officers and standing committees. Key actions were noted in the Bulletin. The annual business meeting was held at the Members' Breakfast Meeting during the TCS 15 conference.

Michael K. Orbach  
President

June 1997

## ***20th Anniversary Year***

### **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE COASTAL SOCIETY**

The mission of The Coastal Society is to serve as a forum for coastal resource professionals and interested individuals to come together to promote the better understanding and stewardship of our coastal resources.

### **GOALS OF THE COASTAL SOCIETY**

1. Foster cooperation and communication among government agencies, professionals, citizens and related groups.
2. Promote conservation and responsible use of coastal resources.
3. Advance public education and appreciation of coastal resources.
4. Support the education of TCS members and students.