

TCS ANNUAL REPORT 1998

Membership and Financial Status (total of conference and operating accounts)

	Membership Status	Financial Status
January 1, 1997	232	\$19,586
January 1, 1998	203	\$12,695
January 1, 1999	205	\$39,353

MAJOR ACTIVITIES in 1998 - 1999

Budget

TCS conducted a budget and accounting review. The results of their activities yielded data and information that allowed the Board to make decisions regarding the biennial conference and the issue of professional services for TCS. Since TCS held a biennial meeting on top of annual expenses and dues, fiscal year 1998 - 1999 produced a substantial net gain for TCS. Government and corporate sponsorship for 1998 was much higher than in previous years, therefore the financial status of the TCS has greatly improved. (See Financial Status Comparison above.)

TCS 16th International Conference

TCS16 - *Minding the Coast: It's Everybody's Business* was held at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia in July 1998. This well-attended program featured many intriguing and thought-provoking sessions. The conference opened with an innovative mock public meeting that presented the audience with an opportunity to openly discuss the lack of connection between citizens and their public institutions. Closing comments to the session were offered by Peter Douglas, TCS member and executive director of the California Coastal Commission. Also, a trio of roving rappers provided the conference attendees with closing remarks on their impressions of the days activities. A persistent theme of the conference was the challenge to bridge the gap between youth and experience. The Coastal Society Board and Education committee continued to address the organization's goal of supporting students and young professionals. The TCS members left the conference with the charge to find the right way blend energy and innovation with seasoned perspectives. TCS will take up some of the challenges during activities planned for the July 1999 Coastal Zone Conference in San Diego, CA, and continue the TCS themes at TCS17.

Planning for TCS17

Shortly after the conference in Williamsburg, the TCS Board of Directors officially selected Portland, Oregon as the site for the next biennial conference. TCS17 – Coasts at the Millennium will be held July 8-13, 2000 at the Portland Marriott Downtown. Jan Auyong (former TCS Board member) and Eldon Hout (longtime TCS member) were named the conference co-chairs and Laurie Jodice was brought on-board as the TCS17 Secretariat. The TCS17 Steering Committee held its first planning meeting in January 1999. The Call for Papers is now available on line at the conference web site:

<http://www.oce.orst.edu/mrm/tcs17/call.html>

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Plans for a TCS Chapter

At its meeting during TCS16 conference in Williamsburg last July the TCS Board endorsed the idea of forming regional TCS chapters as way to develop regionally focused programs and to expand the organization's reach to presently under served members. The Board recognized that participation in national meetings by state and local coastal program personnel, private sector coastal engineers, architects and other consultants, as well as students in university coastal and marine science and policy programs, are often limited by travel costs and other impediments. Many of our members and potential members fall in these categories and cannot take part in the lively and provocative discussions, which take place when the national meetings are at distant sites.

Bob Goodwin, charter TCS member has been spearheading the effort to develop a TCS Cascadia regional chapter, which would be focused on the common coastal themes and issues of Washington, Oregon, northern California and British Columbia, Canada. Among these common themes and issues are: Earthquakes and tsunamis, volcanoes, population growth and in-migration, resource-dependent communities in decline, coastal erosion, coastal flooding, declining salmonid runs, forestry, small-to-medium sized coastal fishing ports, marine tourism and recreation, and growing trans-Pacific container trade through cargo ports on inland waterways. In response to common themes the three UW states have developed similar coastal management regimes, characterized as state/local collaborative planning, where local government plays a strong coastal planning role subject to oversight by the led state coastal agency. Mr. Goodwin conducted an extensive survey of TCS West Coast members and potential members to gather their views on the value that a TCS chapter might have on both their professional and civic lives. The general consensus is very positive. For these reasons and others, planning for the new TCS Cascadia chapter is in full swing, with kick off planned for January 2000. TCS's Cascadia Chapter will be prominently featured as host of a poster session at TCS17 in Portland, Oregon July 2000.

Elections/Board of Directors/New President

This year brought a new structure to the Board of Directors, which emphasized full-participation by all Board members in committee and TCS activities. The new structure operates with the guidance of an Executive Committee composed of the President, President-elect, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer with ad hoc participation by the Committee Chairs.

Megan Bailiff was installed as President of the Society at TCS16 when past-president Michael Orbach turned over the reigns. Ms. Bailiff commented that she was excited to take over the leadership of an organization that passionately fosters and promotes careful use and protection of our valuable marine and coastal resources.

A new board was elected in December 1998. The first official Board meeting of the new Board was held via conference call in January 1999. The present TCS Board Directors are: Megan Bailiff, president, Walter Clark, president-elect; Mike Orbach, past president; Will Hall, treasurer; Camille Coley, secretary; Linda Maxson, Darrell Brown, Mike Eng, Jessica Cogan, Marc Poirier, Joelle Gore, Suzette Kimball and Leigh Taylor Johnson, members-at-large.

TCS Bulletin

In 1998, Laura Cantral, Editor (and former Board member) and Linda Maxson, TCS Education committee Chair and the Education committee, successfully concluded an ambitious effort to bring the Bulletin back on schedule. Currently the Bulletin production is on a regular timetable. The last issue of 1998, Volume (20) (3) 1998, was presented to members post conference with articles on the Gulf of Mexico Program, marine mammal strandings, and a strategic coastal plan for Louisiana and highlights of TCS16.

During the Board meeting in Williamsburg, Ms. Cantral, presented the TCS Board with an intriguing proposal. Laura proposed that TCS centralize production and editing of the TCS publication. The Board unanimously accepted Laura's proposal, which resulted in Laura stepping down from Board duties as she took on the Bulletin. As TCS's first ever Editor-in-Chief, Laura Cantral is responsible for overseeing the production of the Bulletin. In early 1999 Laura's duties were expanded to include two additional activities. One was acting as chair of a newly appointed Editorial Board, formed to assist the editor-in-chief in soliciting articles and dealing with general publication issues. The second was to oversee the production of a new TCS web site, development of which is considered as a top priority for 1999. Watch out for some exciting changes in the Bulletin's design and content and more information about the TCS web page.