

2001 Annual Report

Elections and Appointments to the Board of Directors

Two vacancies on the Board were created in late 2000 by the resignation of Jessica Cogan and the election of John Duff to President-Elect. The Board appointed Jim Giattina, US EPA Gulf of Mexico Program Office, and Mike Henderson, NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations. Two directors were elected in the Fall 2000 elections, Larry Hildebrand, Environment Canada, and Paul Ticco, VA Graduate Marine Science Consortium at the University of Virginia.

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

During the process of amending the TCS Bylaws, it was discovered that the Articles of Incorporation defined student members as non-voting members, and did not name institutional members as a category. The Board of Directors recommended that the Articles be amended to be in line with practice and the Bylaws. At the Annual Membership Meeting at the CZ01 conference, two Articles were amended which would allow student members to vote and the institutional membership category.

18th International Biennial Conference

The TCS 18 Planning Committee developed the Call for Papers and distributed it at CZ01. The cover highlighted the conference logo, a quilt-like tapestry, which illustrated the interwoven nature of natural elements and human designs. The committee recommended using an online abstract collection process to assist in the review process and the management of the final program. For the first time a marketing packet was sent to targeted potential sponsors following the fund-raising criteria advised by the TCS Board to screen potential sponsors from the private sector. The marketing packet referred potential sponsors to the TCS Office or the TCS 18 Planning Committee to discuss their interest in the conference, commitment to the TCS mission statement, and appropriate benefits to the sponsor at the conference.

Committee Activities

Communications Committee: Developed a protocol for the use of electronic mail to conduct business on behalf of TCS by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Board. The **Web Site Development Sub-Committee** recommended that the TCS change web site host vendors after discovering that the current company was under investigation by the FTC. The new host is Web Site Source. The **Editorial Advisory Sub-Committee** proposed to the Board for discussion the possibility of electronic publication of the *Bulletin*.

Development Committee: Compiled the needs of all Committees for their activities, priorities and funding in pursuit of the TCS mission. Began to research what TCS would offer as a working relationship with other organizations with congruent interests, and to develop criteria for funding sources.

Education Committee: Continued lending its expertise in the development of NOAA Coastal Services Center's "CZ101" curriculum for young professionals, and the "Project Learning Tree" high school environmental curriculum. It is also developing the first Nancy Foster Mentoring Award.

Membership Committee: Amy Owsley was appointed as chair when Kristen Fletcher resigned

to take on the TCS 18 proceedings editor position. The committee instituted welcome calls to new members, encouraged recruitment at CZ01, supported existing chapters and looked at potential new chapters in the Washington, DC Metro area and Gulf of Mexico Area.

Special Projects Committee: Recognized Laura Cantral for an her outstanding service as *Bulletin* Editor and producer when she indicated she would like to be replaced upon moving her family. Helped locate a new Editor, John Duff, and producer, the University of Maine's Marine Law Institute, and put it publication on a quarterly schedule.

Affiliated Chapters

Cascadia Region Chapter: Sponsored a poster session on GIS Remote Sensing for Managing Submerged Lands, and received outside contributions for the WA Department of Natural Resources' Submerged Lands Conference. Put up a TCS membership table at a function of the Northwest Straits Region Marine Conservation Association. Created an innovative means to raise funds for the chapter by acting as a pass-through grant recipient for a community project in exchange for a small processing fee.

Duke University Student Chapter: Established an email directory, a calendar of events, a schedule speakers on professional development and careers, and began to form a mentoring program between students and professionals. Also assisted with the formation of East Carolina University Student Chapter.

East Carolina University Student Chapter: In May, the TCS Board accepted the petition for chapter affiliation with TCS by the students in the East Carolina University PhD Program. Chapter activities included recruitment of members, hosting a series of professional speakers and promoting the TCS 18 conference.

Relationship with Other Organizations

TCS facilitated the distribution to TCS members of two publications: the Environmental Law Institute's *National Wetlands Newsletter* with the NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation, and the *Disaster Awareness Conference* publication with NOAA Ocean and Coastal Resources Management Office. TCS continued the joint listing of job openings and internships with NOAA Coastal Services Center. A reception for Coastal Fellowship recipients and students was held at CZ01 in Cleveland, OH, to provide a service to members and to promote TCS. TCS reaffirmed its relationship with the Coastal Management Journal to which TCS members can subscribe for a substantial discount. A link to the CMJ web site has been added to the TCS web site.

Membership

Financial Status

January 1, 2001	342	January 1, 2001	\$56,932
January 1, 2002	298	January 1, 2002	\$40,790

In the off-year of the biennial conference cycle, a drop in membership and assets is expected.