

## 2002 Annual Report

### TCS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

A group of people from across the country who were working in the newly established federal and state programs under the Coastal Zone Management Act began planning the formation of TCS in 1975. In 1977, 25 years ago, TCS became officially incorporated in the District of Columbia. From its roots in an era of social change and environmental awareness, it includes today student chapters representing the next generation of coastal managers who are sustaining this vital international professional organization. TCS has built bridges among coastal managers, academics, practitioners and involved citizens, scientists and social scientists, and has become a true coastal fellowship. It is a model for integrated coastal management which will be key to implementing coastal and ocean policy for the next 25 years.

### Elections and Appointments to the Board of Directors

TCS held its first electronic election. Ballots were distributed to members via e-mail (and by mail to the dozen members not using e-mail). Most of those voting responded using e-mail. The results included the election of Paul Ticco, Virginia Graduate Marine Science Consortium at the University of Virginia, to President-Elect; and Mo Lynch, Professor Emeritus of Marine Science at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary, to Treasurer. Three Directors were elected to the Board: Gib Chase, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Region 5 Office, MA; Laurie Jodice, Recreation, Travel and Tourism Institute, Clemson University, SC; and Tom Skinner, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management and Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. A vacancy on the Board was created by the election of Paul Ticco to President-Elect. The Board appointed Ariel Cuschnir, Coastal Programs, Louis Berger Group, Inc., in Washington, DC.

### 18<sup>th</sup> International Biennial Conference

Held in Galveston, TX, on May 19-22, the conference drew 270 attendees, raised \$137,000, and attracted support from 24 governmental, academic, corporate and non-profit sponsors. The program focused on local, regional and national issues, featuring the Gulf coast region. A \$5,000 matching grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation brought over 20 students to the conference, bringing total student attendance to 20 percent of all the attendees. Students participated in a special Young Coastal Leaders workshop, competed for awards for best paper and poster, and reported that the conference was a valuable learning experience and a great opportunity to meet professionals from different areas of coastal management working on the same issues.

The 19<sup>th</sup> International Biennial Conference will be held at the Hyatt Newport, RI, on May 23-26, 2004. The last time TCS conference held in New England was in 1988. A Planning committee is forming from regional and other interested volunteers who will work on theme development and fund raising. A survey sent to all members yielded valuable input on topics and themes of value and importance to members.

### Committee Activities

**Communications Committee:** Sent out RFP's for publication of the *Bulletin*, and recommended renewing the contract with the Marine Law Institute of the University of Southern Maine. Continues to study the pros and cons of posting the *Bulletin* on the web site and whether it should be made available to both members and non-members.

**Development Committee:** Continued work on developing "template" criteria to guide development activities for TCS fund raising efforts.

**Education Committee:** Oversaw the selection of student travel grants to TCS18, and judged student award competitions at the conference.

**Membership Committee:** Created a new member welcome program where a Board member contacts new members. Recommended linking web site with Coastal Zone Canada Association. Member feedback to the Friday TCS Tsunami (e-mails) indicate its value to members.

**Special Projects Committee:** The Bylaws Task Force proposed amendments to the TCS Bylaws which were passed by the membership in July.

### Affiliated Chapters

**Cascadia Region Chapter:** 2002 was a year of slow, but steady progress for the Cascadia Chapter. Membership has expanded to 55. Our chapter web-site now has added breadth and depth with four new "trends" essays that characterize our region's coasts and the problems they face. Cascadia helped the energetic new University of Washington student TCS Chapter get underway and supported their successful "sustainability forum" held this in January this year.

**Duke University Student Chapter:** Duke's student chapter of TCS held a triathlon early in the fall. Proceeds from the triathlon went to the Neuse River Foundation, a local grassroots citizen group working towards recognition of the water quality problems associated with the Neuse River basin in North Carolina. Additionally, the TCS chapter collaborated with the Duke Student Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology for a showing of conservation videos of interest to the student body at Duke's Marine Laboratory.

**East Carolina University Student Chapter:** The East Carolina University Student Chapter of the Coastal Society has been working to increase membership, and community involvement. Meanwhile, they continue their close relationship with the Coastal Resources Management Program PhD Program at E.C.U. and continued support of the two-year Executive-in-Residence program aimed at linking academic perspectives with the experience of professional coastal and resource managers. Through this program students attain an understanding of the role of science and technology, the values and socioeconomic context in which decisions must be made, and the nature of the political process.

**University of Washington Student Chapter:** officially affiliated in May. At the close of 2002, less than 1-year after its creation, TCSUW counted a membership of 19 students spanning 5 UW colleges/departments. Students hosted informal receptions for visiting speakers, alumni, and professionals and participated in two successful beach clean-up and restoration efforts which established an ongoing relationship with the Seattle Department of Parks & Recreation, the Seattle District Corps of Engineers as well as the Surfrider Foundation-WA Chapter. Participation at TCS-18 included 5 student theses presentations and the co-sponsorship of the Young Coastal Leader's Conference with TCS-Duke which focused on the role of leadership as students move from academic to professional environments.

The TCS Board is finalizing a formal affiliation policy for chapter affiliation and review.

Inquiries about affiliation have been received from the University of Rhode Island, Western Washington University and the University of Charleston, SC. The relationship between TCS and its student chapters is mutually beneficial and is encouraged by the TCS Board.

Membership

January 1, 2002	298
January 1, 2003	348

Financial Status

January 1, 2002	\$40,790
January 1, 2003	\$52,876