

## 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

### Membership Hits a Decade High

TCS ended 2003 with 351 members, the highest year-end membership in over a decade. This growth is due in large measure to the influx of students joining university chapters affiliated with TCS. The Society is committed to supporting students make the transition to coastal management professionals through reduced membership dues, competitive awards at conferences, internship and job announcements, and chapter support.

As the TCS Board further examined membership trends, it was apparent that new members frequently joined to receive a discounted conference registration rate, but then did not renew in the year following the conference. To address this ebb and flow in membership, the TCS Board announced a special multiple-year discounted rate for joining. Loyal TCS members would also be rewarded with savings when they renew for two or three years.

### Support Given to Coastal Organizations

Between its own conferences, TCS continues to support the Coastal Zone conferences. At CZ03 TCS sponsored the Coastal Fellows Reception for students and young professionals, held its Annual Meeting, manned a membership booth, and kicked off its publicity for TCS19 in May, 2004. Once again, TCS was a sponsor of the Salmon Bowl, held by Oregon State University as part of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, by offering a free membership to the teacher/coach of the top three teams. TCS was also a sponsor of the TCS University of Washington Student Chapter's university-wide program on sustainability issues. TCS President John Duff will attend Coastal Zone Canada '04 in St. Johns, Newfoundland, to share the outcome of TCS with our colleagues in Canada.

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

The next TCS conference will be held in Newport, RI May 23 -26, 2004. Conference co-chairs are Ames Colt, RI Sea Grant and URI Graduate School of Oceanography, and Kristen Fletcher, Marine Affairs Institute and RI Sea Grant Legal Program at Roger Williams University. The Call for Papers brought in a full schedule of sessions, and exciting plenary sessions are planned. A part-time conference coordinator was hired to work with the hotel and coordinate on-site logistics. TCS wishes to acknowledge the support of Research Planning, Inc. through its loan of employee, Katie Born, for assistance with the conference web site development and maintenance.

### Elections to the TCS Board of Directors

A Secretary and three Board members were elected. Elected to Secretary, Lindsay Fullenkamp, works for North Carolina Sea Grant in Raleigh, NC as a Coastal Management Fellow. Tom Bigford, Chief of the Habitat Protection Division in the NOAA Fisheries' Office of Habitat Conservation, was elected to the Board after prior service as *TCS Bulletin* Editor, Secretary, and Executive Director. Long-time TCS member and active member on community boards, Rick Burroughs, with the URI Department of Marine Affairs, was elected. The TCS Board welcomed back Chad Nelsen, Environmental Director of the Surfrider Foundation, to a second term on the Board.

### Committee Activities

Communications Committee: Board voted to make issues of the *TCS Bulletin* available on-line to anyone. Committee posted back issues to the TCS web site, and added a publication page that includes information about the *TCS Bulletin*, *Coastal Management Journal*, and *TCS Proceedings*. Recommended that the TCS Board renew contract with the Marine Law Institute to design, produce, edit and distribute the *TCS Bulletin*, which it did. Asked Board to reaffirm commitment to prohibit sharing of membership list. Will continue investigation of a web-based mentoring database.

Development Committee: Worked toward developing a criteria and process for approving sponsorships of TCS. Worked on marketing material for potential conference sponsors.

Education Committee: Studied the feasibility of establishing a "pool" of experts to help at the local level regarding coastal issues. TCS chapters might partner with localities.

Special Projects Committee: Presented policy to Board to enable TCS to fund various sponsorship opportunities.

## AFFILIATED CHAPTERS - ANNUAL UPDATES

### **Cascadia Region Chapter:**

[www.thecoastalsociety.org/cascadia](http://www.thecoastalsociety.org/cascadia)

The Cascadia Chapter Board welcomed new faces in 2004 - Ken Hall, Oregon director, who stepped into California-bound Jessica Hamilton's shoes (who was appointed to South Carolina-bound Laurie Jodice's position), and Jan Auyong, Treasurer, who replaces out-going Will Hall. The Board's focus this year has been on ensuring a successful biennial conference in Newport with a strong Cascadia presence. We initiated the regional panels that will react to the Tuesday May 25th plenary on the Pew and Presidential Ocean Policy Commissions findings. Cascadia Chapter has co-sponsored two quarterly meetings of the Washington Shoreline/Coastal Planners Group, a continuing professional development educational program for local planners charged with implementing the State's shoreline and growth management acts. Other sponsors are Washington Sea Grant Program, Washington Department of Ecology and Padilla Bay National Estuarine Reserve.

### **East Carolina University Student Chapter**

The East Carolina University Student Chapter of the Coastal Society continued its cooperation with the Coastal Resources Management Program in their "Executive-In-Residence" speaker series throughout 2003. This cooperative effort has allowed students the opportunity to meet with and talk to professionals as well as academics in the field of Coastal Resources Management. In many instances these meetings have resulted in internships, and the opportunity to sit across the table from someone actively facing the issues that we discuss in classes and at The Coastal Society meetings. Executives who have contributed their time and expertise in 2003 included Dr. Dennis Berthold of Texas A&M University, Dr. Darrell Brown, Chief of the Coastal Management Branch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Dr. Paul Sandifer, the Senior Scientist at NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science. This year, the ECU Coastal Society has begun to partner with the ECU Biology Graduate Student Association and the ECU chapter of the American Fisheries Society in an effort to gain visibility on campus and boost membership. Cooperative efforts include co-sponsorship of GIS and young professional workshops at ECU.

### **University of Washington Student Chapter**

[www.students.washington.edu/tcsuw](http://www.students.washington.edu/tcsuw)

The University of Washington Student Chapter of The Coastal Society has been active in its second year. The TCSUW Board meets once a month to plan events, volunteer work, and other projects. TCSUW member meetings also occur once a month and usually include food and social time afterwards. This year TCSUW members have chosen to engage in several community projects, including a wetland restoration project and ocean science education in the public schools. Additionally, TCSUW has provided skills workshops, created fund-raising opportunities and networked with other environmental UW student groups this year. TCSUW hopes to be well represented at The Coastal Society conference in Rhode Island this coming spring.

### **Duke University Student Chapter**

[www.env.duke.edu/students/tcs](http://www.env.duke.edu/students/tcs)

The Duke TCS Chapter hosted their second annual Neuse River Foundation Spring Triathlon in September to benefit the Neuse River Foundation. With almost 100 participants over a thousand dollars was raised for the Foundation. Several professional development panels were held including an internship panel and a meeting with Walter Clark, Past President of TCS, on fellowship opportunities. Duke also sponsored travel for several members to the Coastal Zone '03 in Baltimore where former Chapter Liaison, Lindsay Fullenkamp, presented her work on the State of the Beaches.