

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

20th International Biennial Conference

Much energy was put into the planning of the upcoming conference to be held in St. Pete Beach, FL (St. Petersburg/Clearwater area) on May 14 – 17, 2006. Conference co-chairs are Michael Henderson, NOAA Regional Coordinator in St. Petersburg, FL, and Mike Wascom, School of the Coast and Environment, Louisiana State University. The Call for Innovative Solutions brought in a full schedule of sessions, and exciting plenary sessions are planned. Once again, educational field trips will be held in the middle of the conference to allow attendees to get out and enjoy the natural beauty of the area. The University of South Florida convention services was hired to work with the hotel and coordinate on-site logistics, and the Urban Harbors Institute was retained to layout the programs. TCS wishes to also acknowledge the contribution of support of Urban Harbors Institute for assistance with the conference web site development and maintenance.

Support Given to Coastal Organizations

Between its own conferences, TCS continues to support the Coastal Zone conferences. At CZ05 TCS jointly sponsored the Sunday evening reception with NOS International Programs, held its Annual Meeting, and kicked off its publicity for TCS 20. In September, TCS was the sponsor of the reception at the NE Region CZM Partners Workshop. The East Carolina University TCS Student Chapter received support for their evening of graduate presentations to faculty members in December. Throughout the year, TCS members and potential members in the Washington, DC area gathered for several brown bag luncheons with TCS member presenters Ariel Cuschnir, Paul Ticco, Tom Bigford, and Kristen Fletcher. Several purely networking opportunities were attended by people from the DC Metro area, as well as TCS members who happened to be in town on business.

Member Communications

TCS members found the weekly communiqués from the TCS Office to be a valuable benefit of membership. The most popular was the listing of job openings, well supplied by other TCS members. The recognition of members for receiving awards or for publishing a book was another way to connect members. Responding to a survey about topics of interest for the conference, and voting for the TCS Board of Directors were ways to be involved in TCS, no matter where a member resides. But the most poignant communications were the ones received from TCS members in the Gulf Coast area following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, letting other TCS members know they were all right, and helping all to realize the devastation to coastal resources there.

Elections to the TCS Board of Directors

TCS members elected to the TCS Board of Directors Patrick Christie, Assistant Professor in the School of Marine Affairs and the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, Ariel Cuschnir, Director for Coastal Programs at the Louis Berger Group in Washington, DC, and Laurie Jodice, Research Associate with the Clemson University Recreation, Travel and Tourism Institute. In addition, Gib Chase and

Kimberly Lellis were appointed to ex-officio positions on the TCS Board as Co-Chair of the Education Committee and Special Projects Committees, respectively.

Committee Activities

Communications Committee:

The Board of Directors reviewed responses to proposals for editing; and publication, lay out, and distribution of the *TCS Bulletin*, and decided to work with Ellen Gordon for editing and with the Urban Harbors Institute for publication, layout, and distribution. Four issues of the *TCS Bulletin* were produced in 2005. The Board of Directors renewed both of these contracts for a second year.

Website Subcommittee

The subcommittee worked with Dan Hellin at the Urban Harbors Institute to develop and maintain the TCS20 site, and to further develop and maintain the main TCS site as part of UHI's *TCS Bulletin* contract. This contract includes posting of electronic version of each issue of the *TCS Bulletin*. The subcommittee renewed the contract with Website Source, the company that provides our website server space, under a new plan that is less expensive but provides more space and potential for expansion. Additionally, the subcommittee made the membership application available online and allowed for credit card payment via PayPal.

Education Committee:

TCS's Education Committee continued this past year its intense efforts, in cooperation with TCS's Student Chapters, in providing a broad support to students nationwide. Activities included providing mentoring opportunities at NOAA and other government agencies as well as private organizations, assisting in job search, and supporting students attending our biennial conferences. The Education and Membership Committees also actively organized TCS's first Seminar Series that included lectures by prominent scientists on a variety of emerging coastal issues. The first event took place at NOAA offices in Silver Spring, MD. The second one took place at the offices of The Louis Berger Group, in Washington DC. TCS will continue developing this seminar series throughout 2006. Most recently the Education Committee initiated contacts with two Universities in Argentina (Universidad de Mar del Plata, and the Universidad de La Plata) to develop TCS's first international Student Chapters.

Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee continues work on an overall plan for attracting and retaining members. This monumental task must be connected to the overall Society mission, its ability to provide full services, and its niche in the field. The Committee invites members to join its efforts to develop a plan for the coming year. In one aspect of that plan, the Committee worked with TCS leadership on the TCS Internship Program to expand the model to include another partner. The fourth TCS-NOAA intern was hired in 2005, and continues to work for the agency's Office of Habitat Conservation. The 2006 program will be expanded to include opportunities for one internship at NOAA and another at Surfrider Foundation.

Special Projects Committee

The Committee initiated a project called the Coastal Resource Recovery Fundraiser (CRRF) to allow TCS to contribute to coastal resource protection and restoration efforts currently underway in areas devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Committee will continue planning and initiate fundraising and project support in 2006. Other Special Projects initiated by TCS in 2005 were a lecture series in Washington DC and planning for an upcoming field trip for TCS Members in the DC/VA/MD/DE area that will take place in 2006.

Membership 1/1/05	354	Assets 1/1/05	\$53,455
Membership 12/31/05	338	Assets 12/31/05	\$20,555