

The Coastal Society Board Meeting

May 22, 2007
1:30 PM EST

Attendance: TCS President Kristen Fletcher, TCS President-Elect Jeff Benoit, TCS Secretary Amy Blizzard, TCS Past President Paul Ticco, TCS Board Members Rick Burroughs, Ariel Cuschnir, Bob Goodwin, Larry Hildebrand, Patrick Christie, Laurie Jodice, and Susan White. TCS Ex-Officio Board Members: Tom Bigford, Kim Lellis, Executive Director Judy Tucker.

NMFS was thanked for sponsoring the conference call.

I. Review of Previous Business

A. Minutes from 3/6/07 meeting to be approved. A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Paul Ticco. The minutes were approved unanimously.

B. Electronic Votes Report

The following electronic votes taken since the last meeting were reported:

1. Motion: TCS contract with the Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach in Los Angeles, California for TCS 21, June 27 - July 3, 2008. There were eleven votes out of thirteen possible in favor, and no votes against. The motion carried

2. Motion: TCS Chapter be established for the University of Hawaii. There were thirteen votes out of thirteen possible in favor, and no votes against. The motion carried.

C. Financial Position & Update - Judy Tucker provided the financial report for TCS and stated that the current financial position of TCS is \$50,305 including all received invoices and contracted expenses not yet invoiced.

II. Committees/Working Groups

Fletcher updated the board on the status of the working groups and committees since the last meeting. She said that she would like board input regarding the roles of the TCS board members with committees, especially for the newly created chapters committee. She said she had talked with Monika Thiele at NOAA about being a committee chair and she tentatively agreed. Discussion then turned to encouraging TCS members to join committees.

ACTION: Tucker and Jodice to develop a web-based membership file with password protection, and to investigate the feasibility of a member only section of the website.

III. Coastal Zone '07 and TCS 21 Update

A. Benoit told the board about the plans to hold a TCS breakfast at the CZ '07 Meeting in Portland. Benoit said that the breakfast would cost approximately \$700.00, but would be an important event to encourage new and existing members to become more involved in TCS. Benoit discussed plans for a new member recruitment incentive and membership hand outs for TCS 21 that would be a part of the breakfast and the promotions for the TCS 21 in Redondo Beach next year. He also said that the TCS Board will have a meeting at the CZ '07, and will have to pay for a conference line for members not attending to call in. The cost of the phone will be approximately \$150.

- B. TCS 21 Update - Fletcher then told the board of her recent meeting with the TCS21 conference coordinator, John Cooksey, and her visit to the hotel that will be the site of the TCS 21. She described the amenities, and talked about the upcoming schedule for the planning committee. TCS will continue to institutionalize all planning processes, especially the sponsor development timeline and materials.

IV. Additional Updates

- A. Coastal Management Journal - Christie and Fletcher told the board that they had been working with the CMJ to negotiate a rate that could be included in membership. Discussion from the board turned to the cost of the Journal as a part of membership, and Fletcher reminded the board that in a recent member survey, a proposed increase in membership was received well by a majority of respondents if it was a result of CMJ being a part of the membership benefits. Avenues for membership input on dues increases were discussed.

Action: Communications Committee to investigate web-based access to journal.

- B. SCOTIA - Ariel Cuschnir provided the board with an update of SCOTIA activities, announced Robert Powell of Clemson University as the TCS member selected, and the upcoming schedule for work in Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Fletcher asked Cuschnir to encourage TCS relationships with the coastal communities in the SCOTIA countries, including the possibility of TCS hosting visitors from the SCOTIA project to TCS 21.
- C. CRRF – Signed letters of agreement from the three entities were received. They must send a report on the project and photographs by June 1, 2008.
- D. UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE – Ticco reported the chapter will likely form in the fall, as students are now leaving campus for the summer.
- E. TCS INTERNSHIP – Bigford reported that 13 applications were received, including ones from new graduate schools indicating the spread of information about it. Christine Patrick, recent co-president of the URI Chapter, was selected.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM ET.