

**MEETING OF THE BOARD
THE COASTAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2003**

ATTENDANCE: John Duff, President; Paul Ticco, President-Elect; Robert Boyles, Secretary; Board members Gib Chase, Laurie Jodice, Joelle Gore, Tom Skinner, Chad Nelson, Larry Hildebrand, Cascadia Chapter President Robert Goodwin, Duke Student Chapter President Valerie Chan, TCS Executive Director, Judy Tucker.

Regrets: Cuschnir out of the country on business; Clark on vacation, Henderson settling his family in Florida after job relocation; Lynch attending another function held simultaneously.

I. Welcome and Thanks

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 pm EST.

II. TCS 19

A. Preliminary brochure—Duff distributed the preliminary brochure that will be used to announce the conference at CZ '03. The brochure contains information on joining TCS at the reduced rate and also includes provisions to pay membership via credit card. The University of Maine Law School Alumni Association has agreed to process membership payments made with Visa and MasterCard.

Motion: Boyles made the motion to ratify the decision to use the University of Maine Law School Alumni Association to process credit card payments for TCS membership. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: The Board asked Judy Tucker, TCS Executive Director, to evaluate what it takes to process credit card payments for membership

Outcome: The vote passed unanimously.

B. TCS 19 Planning Committee: Duff reminded the Board that volunteers and TCS Board members will need to spearhead the TCS 19 planning work. Tucker then reviewed the handout which outlined the tasks associated with TCS 19. This highlighted the need to distribute a call for abstracts in late August. There was general discussion about the need to facilitate “on-line” discussion. Nelson agreed to research The Surfrider Foundation’s ability to host an “on-line” discussion forum for the purposes of TCS 19 planning. Jodice will investigate whether the TCS web site has this capability.

The Board discussed the need to determine how we will solicit interest and volunteers for the programmatic aspect of TCS 19. Duff suggested that we approach Barry Costa-Pierce to solicit someone from Rhode Island to become involved as conference chair. The overall theme of "measuring" was discussed. The Board stressed that the Call for papers must explain that all papers must address which metrics were used and how the data was measured including qualitative measurements. A suggestion for a plenary was the five-year anniversary of the CZM effectiveness study which might be sponsored by GIS. Also, the Board discussed Trudy Coxe and Jeremy Jackson as potential speakers at the conference. The following theme leaders were discussed:

Governance: Gore and Skinner volunteered to serve as theme leaders.

Water Quality: Jodice suggested Cal Sawyer, formerly of SC Sea Grant and currently with Clemson Extension Service (Jodice to follow-up)
Coastal Land Use: Virginia Lee and Joe were suggested.
Habitat/Ecosystem Management: Tom Bigford was suggested (Duff to follow-up)

Nelsen stated that Surfrider could sponsor all TCS 19 Planning Committee meeting conference calls. The Board agreed to meet again at 3:30 Wednesday, July 16 to continue discussions associated with TCS 19 planning. Hildebrand reminded the Board that Coastal Zone Canada '04 is to be held in St. Johns Newfoundland a short time after TCS 19 and that someone from TCS should attend to share the outcome of TCS with our colleagues in Canada. Duff agreed to do so.

III. TCS Membership Challenge: Duff re-issued his challenge to bring in new members to TCS and also asked for commitments to sign up for TCS memberships at the now-reduced three-year rate. Boyles, Jodice, Nelsen, and Goodwin agreed to sign up for three-year memberships. Duff also reiterated the importance of this week's Coastal Zone '03 conference as an opportunity to recruit new members to TCS.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Development: No report
- B. Special Projects: Ticco reported that the electronic vote to support the Coastal Fellows Reception for students/young professionals at CZ'03 passed. The reception will be held Wednesday evening. Ticco also reported that the electronic vote to donate \$250 to the University of Washington student chapter for the sustainability forum was approved. Goodwin reported that the forum was very well received and that we should be proud of the efforts of the student chapter.
- C. Communications: Boyles reported that TCS member Katie Born has volunteered her services to develop the TCS 19 conference website. Born has indicated that her employer, Research Planning, Inc., has requested recognition/acknowledgement on the conference web page as a sponsor in exchange for their agreeing to let Born manage the TCS conference web site on her professional time. Boyles requested that the Board consider that request and will forward background information for formal consideration in short order.

V. TCS Bulletin. Duff briefed the Board on the status of the *TCS Bulletin* production and that the publication has for the time being been made available on-line. Duff also reminded the Board that TCS needed to consider how to handle production of the *TCS Bulletin* for 2004. Boyles asked that the Board consider adopting a formal stance with respect to whether the *TCS Bulletin* should be available on-line and whether it should be open to all or password protected for TCS members only.

Motion: Boyles made the motion that the Board formally express their desire for the *TCS Bulletin* to be made available on-line to anyone. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: None

Outcome: the motion passed unanimously.

At this point Duff, as contractor for the TCS Bulletin, recused himself from the meeting and the ensuing discussion, and Ticco presided.

Boyles reminded the Board that the 2003 Request for Proposals for the *TCS Bulletin* and the subsequent award to the Marine Law Institute included provisions for a second year that would allow for a continuation of the 2003 contract to design, edit, produce, and distribute the *TCS Bulletin* upon satisfactory progress in year 1. Boyles offered that the Marine Law Institute has provided excellent service and stability for the *TCS Bulletin* and that the Board should continue this contract for calendar year 2004.

Motion: Boyles made the motion that the Board award the second year of the contract to the Marine Law Institute to design, edit, produce, and distribute the *TCS Bulletin*. This motion was seconded.

Discussion: None

Outcome: the motion passed unanimously.

Duff re-joined the meeting as Presiding Officer.

VI. Chapter Reports

- A. Duke: Chan reported that there are a number of exciting plans for the Duke chapter, including sponsoring a triathlon as well as a sustainability forum.
- B. Cascadia: Goodwin reported that the Cascadia chapter had sponsored a session at the Georgian basin research conference. In addition, Cascadia is working on sponsoring a series of small constituent meetings within the region to promote professional networking.

VII. Chapter Formation Policy: Duff reminded the Board that there have been several inquiries regarding establishing TCS chapters in different areas. This necessitates that the Board consider developing criteria to guide the development of a chapter formation policy. Several Board members indicated that they had access to information that would be useful to TCS as we consider this issue, and the Board agreed to look at Coastal Zone Canada and the Surfrider Foundation as templates for the development of a chapter formation policy

VIII. Miscellaneous:

Tucker presented an inquiry from the National Sea Grant Office regarding the possibility of sharing the TCS distribution lists with them. The Board discussed this matter and agreed that the TCS membership list should not be shared with other organizations. However, organizations that would like to distribute information to TCS members should be encouraged to share that information with Judy Tucker for possible distribution from TCS.

Nominations for fall elections will begin soon. The Board was encouraged to speak to people at the CZ conference about submitting their name for nomination.

Boyles reported that three electronic votes had been recorded since the last TCS Board meeting:

- (1) the minutes from the January 29, 2003 TCS Board meeting had been approved;
- (2) the vote on financial support for the students/young professionals reception at CZ'03 had been approved; and
- (3) the vote on a revised membership rate through December 31, 2003, including multi-year memberships at discounted rates, was approved.

VIII. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15pm.