

**TCS Annual Members Meeting
St. Pete Beach, FL at TCS 20
May 16, 2006, 7:30 AM**

Attendance: There were about 30 people in attendance. President Paul Ticco welcomed everyone, recognized new TCS Board member Patrick Christie and ex-officio member Kimberly Lellis, and started self-introductions around the room.

Expanded Activities: Ticco reported that TCS was beginning to expand its activities. He noted that in the past year TCS had sponsored events at the NE Regional CZM Partners Workshop, the Coastal and Ocean Managers meeting and the TCS student chapter at East Carolina University Ph.D. program. A seminar series and frequent network gatherings in the DC Metro area were held. A new student chapter at the University of Hawaii was forming.

TCS has intentionally limited the size of its conferences to retain their character, but it could scale up the size of its membership somewhat to help cover some of the fixed costs of the organization. Turnover of membership, especially student members, is a concern which TCS will study. New chapters would increase the opportunity for active involvement in TCS. To help direct the future plans of the organization, TCS will be distributing to the membership a questionnaire about the mission of the organization and suggestions for possible long range plans for TCS.

Bulletin: Editor Ellen Gordon reported that there will be a special issue of the TCS Bulletin published to reflect the events of TCS 20 which can be used to share the solutions found at the conference with the TCS membership and others interested in coastal and ocean issues.

Robert W. Knecht Award for Professional Promise – Ticco announced that a new TCS award will be presented at TCS conferences to a rising professional in the field of coastal and ocean management who, in their early career, best emulates the vigor, dedication, vision and generosity of Robert W. Knecht.

CRRF: A fundraising effort to aid the Gulf states in their recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (the Coastal Resource Recovery Fundraiser) is underway at the conference. Recipients will be local organizations working to rebuild and develop new planning regimes for the coastal areas in those states.

TCS21: The next conference will be in 2008. Proposals for its location should be forwarded to Ticco. TCS would also like to announce the location for TCS-22 ASAP.

Strategic Planning Retreat: The TCS Board will be having a long-range strategic planning meeting early next year to develop new strategies for TCS, examine the mission and bylaws of TCS, and discuss membership, cost of membership, the possible expansion of student chapters, the roles of Board members and committees, the possible wider

dissemination of the Coastal Management Journal, and many other issues. Results of surveys to members, former members and students will play a role in determining the future of TCS.

Board Elections: Ticco reported that elections to the Board this year will result in a turnover of at least three Board members, and the President-Elect position.

Format of Next Annual Meeting: Ticco requested that suggestions for getting more TCS members to attend the Annual Meeting, or a new format or venue for holding it, should be sent to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.