

TCS Board Meeting
May 23, 2004
8:00 PM ET

Attendance: TCS President John Duff; TCS President-Elect Paul Ticco; TCS Past-President Walter Clark; TCS Treasurer Mo Lynch; TCS Secretary Lindsay Fullenkamp; TCS Board Members Rick Burroughs, Gib Chase, Tom Bigford, Laurie Jodice, Larry Hildebrand, Chad Nelsen, Ariel Cuschnir; TCS Ex-Officio Board Members Kelly Gleason, Bob Goodwin, Valerie Chan, Michael Conathan; TCS Executive Director Judy Tucker, TCS19 Conference Co-Chairs Kristen Fletcher and Ames Colt.

- I. John Duff welcomed and thanked everyone. He congratulated the TCS19 planning committee for their success, especially in fundraising.

- II. TCS19 Brief Summary
Ames Colt and Kristen Fletcher provided a brief summary of planning efforts. Kristen described the Environmental Leadership Program and the Institute for Future Coastal Leaders. She would like to hold a follow-up meeting, perhaps at the Coastal Zone '05 meeting in New Orleans, LA and asked the board to think about sponsoring the meeting. Gib Chase suggested Kristen explore funding possibilities with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

Ames Colt thanked Judy Tucker and Conference Coordinator Joe Pittle for their work in planning the conference.

There was discussion regarding commenting to the US Commission on Ocean Policy the discussion in Plenary II and the Regional Response Panels.

Kristen Fletcher mentioned the media effort and the Channel 10 live broadcast.

- III. Treasurer's Report
Mo Lynch reported that TCS had \$20,549.00 in assets as of the end of the calendar year 2003. TCS operated at a loss of (\$33,427) in 2003. TCS had \$50,582.23 in assets as of May 21, 2004. Excluding numbers from TCS19, TCS operated at a loss of (\$2708) for 4.5 months ending May 21, 2004. Mo also provided a projected financial statement for TCS19 and a forecast through the end of 2004. The end-of-year forecast showed a net loss.

The following ideas were discussed, and elaboration of these ideas will occur at the next board meeting:

- Soliciting new bids for publishing the Bulletin, including sources not institution-based, and the possibility of complete electronic distribution.
- Exploring a consistent source of funding and increasing the capacity of the Development Committee, including a dedicated giving program and other development tools

- Working with a government agency for funding, similar to Coastal Zone Canada
- Becoming more strategic in fundraising and giving TCS more lead time in securing funds

IV. Call for vote to ratify new TCS Chapter affiliate (URI)

In an electronic vote:

SECONDED MOTION: The Education Committee led by Co-chair Rick Burroughs forwarded a committee recommendation to accept and employ a Chapter Letter of Understanding.

VOTE: Of 13 eligible votes, 8 were cast, all affirmative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION: Gib Chase moved to recognize the University of Rhode Island Student Chapter as an affiliated chapter.

SECOND: Tom Bigford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Of 12 possible votes, 12 were cast, all affirmative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There was some discussion regarding affiliating current chapters under the Chapter Letter of Understanding, and what type of responsibilities and obligations TCS National will have regarding the chapters.

V. Secretary's Report

In an electronic vote:

MOTION: Walter Clark moved to purchase a general liability policy "Commercial General Liability Policy" underwritten by Hartford Insurance, covering all activities and general business of TCS for one year, for a cost of \$482, and to purchase a policy that covers TCS in case of conference event cancellation or disruption offered by "Showstoppers Event Cancellation Insurance Program" underwritten by Travelers, for a cost of \$1288.

SECOND: Paul Ticco seconded the motion.

VOTE: Of 5 eligible votes, 5 were cast, all affirmative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ACTION ITEM: Laurie Jodice will update all committee information on the website.

VI. John Duff encouraged all board members to take advantage of the conference to thank conference supporters, solicit candidates for fall elections to the Board, listen to conference participants to determine their thoughts about a TCS20 theme, and encourage post-conference TCS activity. Mo Lynch encouraged board members to build private sector involvement in TCS.

VII. Other matters requiring vote/action

Tom Bigford put forth a letter from the TCS Membership Committee with ideas and directions for the committee to take.

ACTION ITEM: All board members will review the letter and make comments to Tom Bigford within three weeks, ending June 14.

Ariel Cushnir described an opportunity for interns in El Salvador for work on coral reef marine protected areas.

ACTION ITEM: Ariel Cushnir will write a proposal for TCS and John Duff will circulate it.

Gib Chase has explored the location of TCS20 and made a visit to the Tampa, St. Pete Beach, FL area to look at possible locations.

MOTION: Gib Chase moved to announce the Tampa, FL area as the location of TCS20 at the Awards Luncheon on 5/26/04.

SECOND: Chad Nelsen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Of 12 possible votes, 12 were cast, all affirmative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ariel Cushnir suggested the Board undertake a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis (SWOT) to guide TCS.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: Chad Nelsen moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Laurie Jodice seconded the motion.

VOTE: Of 12 possible votes, 12 were cast, all affirmative. **MOTION CARRIED.**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM ET.