



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I must begin by thanking the Board of Directors of the Society for sponsoring, and Ted LaRoe for producing and editing, this first Bulletin of The Coastal Society. Because we plan one day to publish a more substantial Bulletin, we are calling these early issues a "Preliminary Series." The basic goals of the Society--education and communications--can be significantly supported by the new Bulletin. It all depends on our members.

The first Annual Conference, on the theme "The Present and Future of Coasts," was very successful. A combination of good substance and good fellowship prevailed before the first morning had gone by. We owe much to Evelyn Pruitt and to Bruce Hayden for the conference, the program, and the Proceedings, now in an advanced stage of preparation. Jim Coleman (LSU) has the 1976 Conference well in hand. It will be held in New Orleans, November 17-20, and will include at least one promising field trip on the 17th. The theme of the second conference will be "Stressed Coastal Environments: Assessment and Future Actions." Maury Schwartz, Western Washington State College, together with Tom Terich, also of WWSU, is developing the Society's third conference, to be held in Seattle in early September 1977.

As the tabulation on page 3 below shows, we have 439 members in the Society--a very large number in relation to the modest membership efforts we have made so far. The diversity of our membership is striking, whether you look at employers, professions, occupations, or residences.

We have had a lull in Society administration following the trauma of a first conference. We are now beginning to pick up steam. In addition to getting on with the Proceedings, the start-up of the Bulletin (whose name may well change), and the design and organization of the next two conferences, we shall launch a second membership drive in the next few weeks. Also, in our mind's eye, as it were, we are visualizing the potentials of a Compendium of Abstracts of Current Coastal Research.

Very importantly, we are beginning to amplify the capability of the Board of Directors of the Society who necessarily did the whole thing for a while. For example, members of the Society at large are designing and will run future conferences.

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M. H. Schwartz, Pres.

See - We are deeply indebted to you. M. H. Schwartz

FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

About 110 people registered for the First Annual Conference of The Coastal Society held on 24-26 November, 1975, in the Sheraton National Motor Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. This was a very good attendance for a society only six months old, with a total membership of about 400, especially as the Conference was held with such short notice and so close to Thanksgiving. The size of the registration and the enthusiastic reception by the attendees suggests that the need for such a society is strongly felt.

The participants were treated to straight-forward, factual and practical presentations and very lively discussions. The aim of the Society--to provide a forum for communications--was certainly obvious during this meeting, for people of varied persuasions shared their ideas and experiences, much to the benefit of all.

Although the focus of the meeting was The Present and Future of Coasts, the keynote speaker, Texas State Senator A. R. "Babe" Schwartz, set the theme that ran throughout the meeting. Emphasizing the urgent need for communication with the "people"--the nontechnical segment of society--Senator Schwartz made special note of the role of popular support and understanding. He observed that without public support reasonable laws and coastal management policies cannot be adopted; without public understanding they will be enforced with indifference.

During the opening session, a variety of problems and approaches relating to coastal management were described by representatives of state and local government, who discussed the role of policy makers in determining the allocation of coastal resources.

The second day was concerned with technical and policy papers on U. S. offshore oil resources, and with coastal environmental impact assessment practices. Again, the diversity of speakers--who represented quite different backgrounds and viewpoints--led to lively discussion.

A humorous and instructive talk was given by Athelstan Spilhaus at the luncheon meeting. From his many years of experience in the field of oceanography, he looked both backward over the development of marine resources and knowledge, and ahead along the paths that must be built to assure safe utilization and conservation of coastal resources. He challenged the Society to play a prominent role in assuring the wise management of these resources.

Food and energy resource development in the coastal zone was the theme on the third day. The Conference ended with a paper by W. S. Gaither, Dean, College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware, who echoed the theme that we must develop better means of communicating with the public. Like Dr. Spilhaus, he also reminded the Society of its responsibility to devise environmentally sound ways to use the needed coastal resources.

Herb Schwartz, President of The Coastal Society, opened this first meeting with a brief history of the Society. At the business meeting it was noted that the Society is solvent and is growing in membership. Mr. Schwartz also adjourned the meeting, echoing the wholehearted satisfaction of the participants in this Conference, and thanking the many people responsible for bringing the event into being.

Bruce Hayden reports that the compilation and editing of the Conference Proceedings has been completed, and that printed copies should be available soon. A copy of the Proceedings will be provided to each member of The Coastal Society. -E. Pruitt, *President-elect*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Leo Fisher, TCS Treasurer and Membership Chairman, reports that at the end of the first quarter, 1976, the Society had 439 members. An analysis of the membership indicates that the Society is achieving its objective of attracting a diverse body of members. As indicated in Table I, the members are well distributed among both professions and employers, and include private individuals not employed in coastal resource professions as well.

TABLE I. ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP

A. By Employer ¹		B. By Profession ²		C. By Occupation ²	
Universities and Schools	124	Engineering	35	Research	45
Federal Government	100	Geology and Geomorphology	33	Teaching	28
State and Local Government	70	Geography	11	Management	35
Private Industry	99	Chemistry and Geochemistry	8	Planning	17
Students	34	Biological Sciences	25	Administration	16
Conservationists	7	Oceanography	12	Other	13
Private Citizens	5	Planning and Management	24		
		Law	7		
		Policy Analysis	4		
		Other	10		

¹As of 31 March, 1976; 439 members.

²As of 30 September, 1975; 209 members, not all members reporting.

Members are represented from 34 states (including several non-coastal states), the District of Columbia, 2 territories, and 4 foreign countries.

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PLAN NOW FOR THE 1976 TCS CONFERENCE

Preparations for the 1976 TCS Conference, to be held in New Orleans on November 17-20, are well advanced. James Coleman, Program Chairman, reports that the Conference theme is STRESSED COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS: ASSESSMENT AND FUTURE ACTION. Dr. Coleman announced the following preliminary program:

- November 17: Optional field trip through coastal wetlands of Louisiana, lead by Dr. John Day, LSU. The field trip will examine the variety of habitat in the Louisiana coast, and the impact of man's intervention on the coastal plains.
- November 18,
- Morning: Welcome and Introduction
Coastal Dredging
 - Afternoon: Real Estate Development
 - Evening: Cash Bar
- November 19,
- Morning: Hydrocarbon Stress
 - Noon: Society Luncheon
 - Afternoon: Pipelines, Diking, and Groins
- November 20,
- Morning: Global Impacts of Intensive Biological Harvesting
 - Noon: Adjourn

Each session will feature two or three invited speakers; a limited number of contributed papers will also be presented. Although a formal announcement and call for papers will be released in June, persons wishing to contribute papers may contact Dr. James Coleman at the Coastal Studies Institute, Center for Wetlands Resources, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

The Conference will be held at the Braniff Place, 1500 Canal Street, New Orleans. The cost of registration will be announced.

The 1977 Conference will be held on the campus of Western Washington State College in Bellingham, Washington, on September 7-10, 1977.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the first issue of the *Bulletin of The Coastal Society*.

This month marks the first anniversary of the Society's inception, and the Board of Directors has expressed the desire to establish a mechanism for communications among members. We will attempt initially to publish this Preliminary Series quarterly. Depending upon the developing financial capabilities of the Society, we intend to upgrade the Preliminary Series into a complete bulletin at an appropriate time in the future.

The basic goals of the Society--education and communication--will be the editorial objectives of the *Bulletin*. The *Bulletin* will regularly feature news items about the Society, brief articles and commentary about coastal resources and issues, research notes and summaries, and a report on federal legislative activities. The *Bulletin* will encourage productive discussion between members, and will consider for publication contributions on controversial items. Reflecting the nature and objectives of the Society, contributions should be of broad, interdisciplinary interest. Manuscripts should be understandable to a varied audience.

Authors should submit two copies of neatly typed manuscripts, double-spaced throughout (including references, tables, etc.). The author should retain a copy. Manuscripts should conform to the *Council of Biological Editors Style Manual* (AIBS, 3rd edition). Illustrations, such as line drawings, maps, and graphs, should be submitted, unmounted, in finished form with the manuscript. Authors will be charged for the reproduction of photographs and other illustrations requiring half-tone reproduction. Text citations must be designated by numbering in sequence and listed in "References Cited."

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