



ASBPA Seeks Award Nominations for the 2009 National Coastal Conference “Integrating Coastal Science and Policy” in St. Pete Beach, Florida

The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) is accepting nominations for the 2009 National Coastal Conference Awards including the Morrrough P. O’Brien Award, the 2009 ASBPA Coastal Project Award, the 2009 ASBPA Student Educational Award, the 2009 Coastal Scholar Award, and the 2009 ASBPA Member of the Year Award.

The Morrrough P. O’Brien Award is given annually to an individual or organization on the basis of 1) an outstanding record in achieving the objectives and ideals of ASBPA; or 2) for major direct contributions to ASBPA. The winner will be invited to attend this year’s ASBPA conference from October 14-16th in St. Pete Beach, Florida to accept the award. The award also allows for reimbursement of travel and hotel expenses while at the conference.

The 2009 ASBPA Coastal Project Award is given in recognition to a coastal project that has stood the test of time and has shown a positive environmental, social, or recreational benefit.

The nominations for the award must include a statement of objectives of the project and the major design features; evidence that the project achieved the desired objectives with a minimum of five years since completion; the environmental, social, recreational and other effects of the project should be described; a statement regarding the agencies and individuals responsible for planning, designing and constructing the work to include the individuals identified as recipients; and the cost of the project. The award will be presented at the 2009 conference in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

The 2009 ASBPA Student Educational Award is given annually to an undergraduate or graduate student who, through his or her research, is furthering the state of science of coastal or riverine systems as it relates to the goals and mission of the ASBPA. Any research pertaining to coastal or riverine science is eligible for consideration.

The award includes a \$500 cash stipend and it is expected that the Educational Award winner will attend the 2009 ASBPA National Coastal Conference in St. Pete Beach, Florida and present his or her findings to the coastal community. Additionally, the paper will be peer reviewed by the editorial staff of Shore and Beach Magazine, the ASBPA's technical journal, for possible inclusion in a future issue.

Entries must consist of a curriculum vita, and paper suitable for presentation and publication, five copies should be provided. Any subject pertaining to coastal or riverine science will be eligible for consideration. Representative subject areas include natural processes (waves, currents sediment transport), ecology (habitat, ecosystem function), water quality (pollution sources, remedies), economics (cost/benefits of beach projects) and human impact on the coast (coastal structures, dams, restoration projects). The paper may include figures, tables, and photographs and should not exceed 10 pages in length, single-spaced.

The 2009 Coastal Scholar Award is a new award in 2009 that is given to a graduate student who aspires to advance their knowledge and experience of coastal or riverine science through an internship with ASBPA. The winner will become the dedicated staff member for the ASBPA's Science and Technology Committee. The Coastal Scholar will work hand-in-hand with practicing coastal experts to develop position papers regarding technical issues with the Committee; and serve as the liaison for ASBPA with other graduate students in coastal and riverine sciences.

In addition to the experience of working with coastal experts, the award includes a \$600 cash stipend paid in quarterly payments of \$150. It is expected that the Coastal Scholar Award winner will attend the 2009 ASBPA National Conference in St. Pete Beach, FL to receive the award. Entries must include a curriculum vita, and paper addressing why the student is interested in becoming the ASBPA's Coastal Scholar. The paper should include previous experience, education, future goals, as well as expectations of the Coastal Scholar Award position. The paper should not exceed 5 pages in length, single-spaced.

The 2009 ASBPA Member of the Year Award is an award to be given annually to an individual on the basis of their giving of time, talent, and treasury to furthering the goals and objectives of the ASBPA during the previous year. The winner will be presented the award at this year's ASBPA conference in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

Entries for all awards must be received by August 1, 2009. Please send entries to Awards@asbpa.org. All information should be submitted in .pdf attachment form or a Word document with a maximum file size of 1 MB. If you have any questions, please call 239/850-8736 or 239/489-2616.