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Help us make a difference for our coast

By KATE GOODERHAM,
ASBPA Managing Director

In addition to holiday shopping and holiday parties, this is the time of year we complete our planning for 2018 and make our resolutions. We urge you to resolve to be an active part of ASBPA and/or your local chapter!

We are making a difference throughout the United States with our science-based policy. You'll see it in our white papers, our special projects, our meetings with Members of Congress and agencies. You see it in our Coastal Summit, National Coastal Conference, issues

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of *Shore & Beach* journal and "Coastal Voice."

Be a part making a difference. Check out the committees outlined in this issue and resolve to be a part of one or more of them!

From all of us at ASBPA, we wish you happy holidays. See you in 2018. ❖

2018 Coastal Summit:

Working Together: Science and Policy for Resilient Coasts

By JOAN POPE, ASBPA
Coastal Summit co-chair

ASBPA's Coastal Summit is a few weeks later this year (March 20-22, 2018) than in previous years. So check your calendars and make sure you have the correct dates! Otherwise the venues and general structure will be similar to previous years... JUST BETTER.

The organizing committee is



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already trying to improve on last year's Summit. We are targeting topnotch keynote speakers and thought provoking and timely panels. After last year's success, we will again hold a joint

reception/celebration of the coasts with the Coastal States Organization (CSO).

The only element needed will be YOU. Your job will be to engage in the dialogue, network with your

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Save these dates in 2018:

- **March 20-22:** ASBPA's Coastal Summit, ASAE Conference Center, 1575 I Street NW, Washington, DC. Details and registration at asbpa.org
- **Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2018:** ASBPA's National Coastal Conference, Galveston Island Convention Center, Galveston, Texas

Members

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peers and collaborators, participate in the advocacy visits, meet with your elected national government representatives, and gain insights that we hope will help your communities, employers, and/or employees.

The Summit theme of “Working Together: Science and Policy for Resilient Coasts” recognizes that ASBPA’s primary goal is to promote environmentally healthy and economically resilient coastal infrastructure and communities. The best way to achieve these goals is to assure a two-way partnership between knowledge (science) and action (policy). This partnership will be explored during the Summit.

As an organization interested in preserving, sustaining, and increasing the resiliency of our coasts and coastal communities, ASBPA is striving to make sure our story is told widely and loudly, both inside and outside of Washington. We need your ears to gather information critical to understanding the future legislative and policy course and your voice to assist in influencing that direction. Congressional members respond to their constituents and your input can help influence how they vote on legislation. If you feel the need to brush up on your communications skills before seeing your member(s), the 2018 Summit is a great place to start. With your help, ASBPA can develop a proactive and positive message that emphasizes the importance of the coast as a critical



infrastructural resource that is both economically and environmentally invaluable.

ASBPA has long supported such practices as Regional Sediment Management, beneficial uses of dredged material, reducing coastal risk, investing in coastal research, and developing resilient coastal communities. Your congressional representatives have historically been receptive to these concepts and will listen to you. Federal agencies want to do what is right but are trying to balance their programs through guidance and fiscal constraints.

Your voice helps in setting the path. The Summit will arm you with the latest insights regarding key coastal science and policy issues and better able you to deliver a consistent and supportable message. ❖

SAVE THE DATE:

2018 ASBPA Coastal Summit registration opens online Dec. 1

Check the link at www.asbpa.org

Coastal Summit award nominations deadline Jan. 19

Nominations are now open for the ASBPA Congressional awards, Congressional Staffer award and Corps award, to be presented on March 21st at the ASBPA awards reception held during the Coastal Summit in Washington, DC, on March 20-22. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 19, 2018.

Congressional awards include:

- The “Coastal Advocate” award — ASBPA’s highest award, a lifetime achievement award — and “Friend of the Coast,” for shorter term or more project-specific contributions. Any ASBPA member may nominate one or more Members of Congress for the awards.

- The Corps award honors a member of the Corps of Engineers who contributed to the cause of beach management and preservation. For the most part these are people from the districts who make projects happen.

- The Congressional Staffer award will be given to a single staff member for his or her efforts both to promote beach preservation and to facilitate project requests in the past legislative session.

- The Agency award will be given to a single staff member for his or her efforts to promote beach preservation.

- The Friend of the Coast Media award will be given to a media outlet for exceptional coverage of coastal news.

Nominations are due at the ASBPA offices no later than Jan. 19, 2018, and may be e-mailed to awards@asbpa.org. The nominator will need to be in attendance to receive the award. For questions, e-mail managing@asbpa.org. ❖

Disaster supplemental and federal budget update

By **DEREK BROCKBANK**,
ASBPA Executive Director

As the calendar year comes to a close, Congress still has major budgeting issues to address — both the FY18 federal budget and a disaster supplemental appropriations bill. Back in September, Congress passed a continuing resolution (“CR”) to extend FY17 budget numbers through Dec. 8. However, many news sources are now reporting Congress will not meet that deadline and are likely to pass another short-term CR either till the end of December or into early 2018. Members of Congress are still adamant that they want to pass an omnibus budget bill and will not consider a full-year CR.

Meanwhile, the administration recently released a third (but probably not final) request for disaster relief funding for the many 2017 hurricanes and wildfires. This request was for \$44

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billion, but left out much of Texas and Puerto Rico’s requests.

This request includes funding for the Federal Emergency Management



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Agency (FEMA), and \$162 million for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Flood Control and Coastal Emergency (FCCE) funding to rebuild beaches. There is also a proposed \$12 billion for new flood mitigation run by the Community Development Block Grant, which specifies authorized USACE projects as eligible, but they would have to compete with all other flood mitigation projects.

There is no other funding spe-

cifically communities to proactively increase resiliency or efforts to make to prepare for the next storm. The request does not include funding for authorized but unconstructed coastal projects, nor does it include studies, research or resiliency measures, like we saw after Hurricane Sandy.

The administration’s request also offsets recovery expenditures with cuts to other areas of the budget — some of which are related, such as proposing to cut \$500+ million of FCCE funds specified for Hurricane Sandy damaged areas, some are completely unrelated areas such as Student Financial Assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.

Given the timing of the disaster recovery funding request with the need to pass a federal budget, the two budget bills may be merged into one large omnibus to be passed in late December or early 2018. ❖

ASBPA works with Corps’ South Atlantic Division on coastal assessment

By **DEREK BROCKBANK**,
ASBPA Executive Director

One of ASBPA’s top priorities in the Water Resources Development Act of 2016, was the authorization of a South Atlantic Coastal Study (SACS). SACS is a comprehensive study of the coastline from North Carolina to Mississippi and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, looking at the region’s vulnerability to hurricanes and sea level rise, and the need to regionally manage sediment and integrate coastal flood risk reduction projects with ecosystem restoration and navigation projects.

The study emulates the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study, authorized and funded after Hurricane Sandy. But while the SACS has been authorized, it still awaits funding.

In the meantime, the South Atlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is using existing funding to undertake a Southeast Coastal Assessment (SCA) as a precursor to the broader study.

The Southeast Coastal Assessment is “a coordinated and comprehensive coastal shoreline risk and needs assessment.... Information collected with SCA will provide the foundation that will provide data for developing short- and long-term plans for future solutions that can be implemented by federal, state, local or private entities to mitigate risk associated with water-related shoreline hazards.”

ASBPA was very pleased to hear that USACE intends the Southeast Coastal Assessment to be a state and stakeholder driven process. While most of the work will be done by

USACE, they are looking to get input and determine what local projects and planning have already been implemented by bringing the six state and two territories, as well as NGOs, academics and other stakeholders into the planning process. ASBPA, together with Coastal States Organization, will be helping facilitate this stakeholder engagement.

If you are in the South Atlantic division region (NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, PR or VI), we’d love your input! Please go to the website — <http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/SCA/> — to sign up for more information and take the survey.

We look forward to working with you over the next two years on this important coastal assessment in the most sea level rise-vulnerable and hurricane-prone area of the country. ❖

2017 National Coastal Conference Awards

Editor's Note: Last month's "Coastal Voice" included the Coastal Project and Murrrough P. O'Brien Award. This month concludes the award presentations.

2017 ASBPA Student Educational Award: Liliana Velasquez Montoya

The ASBPA Student Educational Award which 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. To be eligible for the award, a nominee must submit a technical paper for review by the award's committee. This year's award went to Liliana Velasquez Montoya.

Montoya's paper was titled "Morphological Evolution of a Stable Tidal Inlet and Its Response to Dredging." She presented her paper just before lunch, so hopefully many of you



Left: Liliana Velasquez Montoya (left) receives the 2017 ASBPA Student Educational Award from Awards Chair Katie Brutsche.

were able to attend the presentation. Montoya is currently working on her Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at North Carolina State University. ❖

Right: Thomas Huff receives the 2017 Nicholas Kraus Coastal Scholar Award from ASBPA board member Tiffany Roberts-Briggs.



2017 Nicholas Kraus Coastal Scholar Award: Thomas Huff

The winner of this year's Nicholas Kraus Coastal Scholar Award is Thomas Huff. Thomas recently earned a Ph.D. in Ecosystems Science and Management from Texas A&M University. Following graduation, he accepted a position as a Postdoctoral Research Associate with the Coastal Ecology and Management Lab led by Dr. Rusty Feagin at Texas A&M.

The Coastal Scholar award includes a mini-internship where he will work with the ASBPA's Science & Technology Committee, and various conference committees throughout the year. ❖



2017 Student Coastal Advocate Award: Bianca Charbonneau

This year we have created a new student award, the Student Coastal Advocate Award. The award will be given annually to a graduate or undergraduate student who aspires to advance his or her knowledge of and experience in federal coastal policy and advocacy.

Bianca Charbonneau a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pennsylvania in Biology and Ecology. Recently, her studies have focused on Coastal Dune Ecology. As part of her award, she will be working as an intern with the Government Affairs Committee. ❖

Right: Bianca Charbonneau receives the 2017 Student Coastal Advocate Award from ASBPA Executive Director Derek Brockbank

2017 ASBPA Media Award: Eric Staats and Ryan Mills

The Media Award is given to those in the media that have done an outstanding job of highlighting issues pertaining to our coastlines. This year's award went to Eric Staats and Ryan Mills of Naples Daily News.

Staats and Mills received this award for their influential 4-part series on Florida's "Shrinking Shores" that ran in the Fall of 2016 in the *Naples Daily News*. This investigative piece looked at the science and policy of beach erosion and the state's fiscal commitment (or lack thereof) in supporting the state's beaches. These articles led to community forums on beach funding, and have been cited as influential in Florida Gov. Rick Scott proposing an increased budget for beach funding, and ultimately having the Legislature fund beaches at their greatest level in decades.

As media shifts to address short



Left: Eric Staats (right) receives the 2017 Media Award from ASBPA Executive Director Derek Brockbank

attention spans and fast news cycles, "Shrinking Shores" is a lesson on how good investigative and long-form reporting can influence policy and society to improve Florida's beaches and shores. ❖

2017 ASBPA Member of the Year: Gary Jones

The Member of the Year Award is intended to annually honor an individual ASBPA member on the basis of giving their time, talent, and treasury to furthering the goals and objectives of the ASBPA during the previous year. This year's recipient was Gary Jones.

This year Jones took on what most people would consider the least fun chore – updating an organization's bylaws — and did an amazing job of it. Over the years, complicated changes were made to the ASBPA bylaws that included policies and procedures, making them more cumbersome and detailed than necessary and necessitating too-frequent amendments simply to run the association.

Already a board member and part of the Executive Committee, Jones took on the challenge of completely rewriting the bylaws to make



Left: ASBPA Secretary Gary Jones receives the Member of the Year Award from ASBPA Managing Director Kate Gooderham.

them shorter and to make the process more transparent. Substantive changes were made throughout. For example, until this year, the ASBPA Board of Directors were elected by the Board of Directors. Now, starting at this conference, the membership will elect the board. I could go on, but the take-away is that he thought these things

through to give ASBPA governing documents that would lead us forward. It was not a glamorous job, but a necessary one.

For that — on top of his consistent involvement in Executive Committee and board meetings, often a challenge for a West Coast member — we congratulate Gary Jones. ❖

2017 Robert G. Dean Coastal Academic Award: Britt Raubenheimer

The ASBPA's Robert G. Dean Coastal Academic Award is given in recognition of an academic who has made significant contributions furthering the community's understanding of coastal science or engineering and in fostering young coastal scientists or engineers. This year's winner is Dr. Britt Raubenheimer.

Dr. Raubenheimer is a Senior Scientist in the Department of Applied Ocean Physics and Engineering at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). Britt specializes in shoaling, surf, and swash zone wave transformation; groundwater-ocean interactions; and waves and overwash during extreme events. She is one of the most experienced field researchers in our community, having participated in



Britt Raubenheimer (left) receives the 2017 Robert G. Dean Coastal Academic Award from ASBPA Vice President Nicole Elko.

field experiments essentially constantly since 1993.

Britt has mentored dozens of graduate students, post-doctoral scholars, and student summer fellows, exposing them to hands-on nearshore oceanography.

One of the groups of summer fellows was through an NSF-funded

project partnered with ASBPA. Dr. Raubenheimer is one of the national leaders of the U.S. Coastal Research Program initiative, responsible for coordinating the academic community in her role as the Chair of the Nearshore Academic Council (NAC). She also serves on ASBPA's new Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). ❖

Texas Chapter meeting Jan. 17

Mark your calendar: The next meeting of the Texas Chapter will be on Wednesday, Jan. 17, in Galveston, Texas at the Galveston Convention Center. ASBPA's Executive Committee will be attending that meeting, and also will be meeting with the Texas conference co-chairs to plan the 2018 National Coastal Conference. ❖

2018 memberships are rolling in!

We've begun emailing invoices to individual members and mailing invoices to government and corporate members. Your response has been immediate and enthusiastic! Thank you. We love it that you "get" the importance of ASBPA, and the importance of having a multi-disciplinary organization whose sole commitment is to the coast.

Our research shows that you value *Shore & Beach*, "Coastal Voice," the Coastal Summit and the National Coastal Conference, as well as the important work of our committees. You also know that, in this year of change, we need your help in refining our mission, so that our message gets out.

Please participate. Whether in committees, sponsorships, articles for *Shore & Beach*, we need and value you. You've been our strength for 90 years. Thank you. ❖

The Board of Directors of the California Shore & Beach Preservation Association (CSBPA) invite you to the dedication of the

Orville Magoon Memorial Bench

1928 - 2016
Champion of the Coast
Defender of Sand Rights

Date
Saturday, December 9, 2017

Schedule of Events
11:30 AM: Gathering of friends at the Orville Magoon Bench
12:00 PM: Dedication of the bench & toast to Orville's memory
12:30 PM: Possible relocation indoors for a post-dedication snacks and storytelling

Location
San Francisco's Ocean Beach, with a view of the Pacific Ocean, in the grassy area between The Great Highway and the Lower Great Highway, just south of Ortega Street.

Parking
Parking is available along the north bound portion of the Great Highway and at Ortega Street, east of The Great Highway.

All of Orville's Friends are welcome. If possible, please provide an RSVP to Lesley Ewing (415) 904-5291 or lewing@coastal.ca.gov, so we know the amount of libations needed for the Bench dedication and for planning the amount of space need for after the dedication event.

Donations are still being accepted.



Orville Magoon bench dedication Dec. 9

The Board of Directors of the California Shore and Beach Preservation Association invite you to the dedication of the Orville Magoon Memorial Bench on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017.

Schedule of Events

- 11:30 a.m.: Gathering of friends at the Orville Magoon Bench
- Noon: Dedication and toast to Orville's memory
- 12:30 p.m.: Possible relocation to indoors for a post-dedication snacks and storytelling

The dedication will be held at San Francisco's Ocean Beach. Parking is available along the northbound portion of the Great Highway and at Ortega Street, east of the Great Highway. Please RSVP to Lesley Ewing (415) 904-5291 or lewing@cosatal.ca.gov. ❖

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Information on awards nominations for next year's Coastal Summit is now posted on the Conferences page. Please take the time to nominate a deserving recipient! We hope you can join us in DC next spring for some quality time with our government officials and agencies. Next year's Summit is later than usual, so make sure to note the date and mark your calendars for March 20-22, 2018!

As always, the latest Beach News and updates on legislative action items are linked to our home page. Follow us on Twitter and "like" us on Facebook to stay up to date with all of the latest news and happenings. — **Beth Sciaudone, Ph.D., ASBPA Webmaster** ❖

A SBPA's committees are where things get done. Committees are open to interested members. If you want to participate in a committee, contact Kate or Ken Gooderham at managing@asbpa.org.

Government Affairs Committee

■ *Michael Walther and Kathleen Riely, co-chairs*

- Meets monthly by conference call the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. ET
- Develops an annual legislative agenda.
- Advocates for federal policies and laws that support the mission of the association
- Develops a government affairs work plan.
- Provide input for Coastal Summit and National Coastal Conference as appropriate.
- Makes requests of the Elected Official Advisory Committee (if empaneled) for advice.

Science and Technology Committee

■ *Nicole Elko and Tiffany Roberts Briggs, co-chairs*

- Meets monthly by conference call the third Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. ET
- Science and technology guides all policy decisions made by the organization.
- Enumerates national coastal research and education needs.
- Oversees development of technical white papers on relevant coastal issues.
- Advocates for increased funding for coastal research.
- Coordinates with universities with coastal science and engineering programs.
- Provide input for the National Coastal Conference and Coastal Summit as appropriate.
- Make requests of the Technical

Advisory Committee (if empaneled) for advice.

Student and New Professionals Committee

■ *Corey Aitken and Eve Eisemann, co-chairs*

- Meets monthly by conference call the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. ET
- Aims to involve new and future scientists, engineers, managers, and coastal stewards in achievement of the organization's top priorities and concerns.
- Engages students and new professionals in the organization and at conferences.
- Meets via telecom to discuss student chapters, student involvement activities, and student/new professional opportunities.
- Coordinates monthly student/new professional guest articles in "Coastal Voice."
- Organizes other activities as appropriate.

Shore & Beach Editorial Board Committee

■ *Lesley Ewing, Executive Editor; Beth Sciaudone, Managing Editor*

- Meets quarterly by conference call
- Solicits articles and special issue topics.
- Writes articles, edit special topic issues.
- Provides peer review, or suggest reviewers.
- Reviews annual photo contest.
- Assists in special projects, as needed.
- Provides oversight for journal staff.

Best Restored Beaches Committee

■ *Lee Weishar, chair*

- Meets as needed
- Develops criteria and a call for nominations.
- Reviews nominations and makes recommendations.
- Coordinates with winners.
- Develops a program session at the Coastal Summit.
- Distributes the awards at the Coastal Summit.

Membership Committee

■ *No chair appointed*

- Meets quarterly via teleconference.
- The Membership Committee is comprised of the local/regional/state chapter presidents or their designees, the membership chair and other members who are appointed by the President.
- Makes recommendations to the Finance Committee concerning membership dues, levels of membership, member benefits, etc.
- Reviews requests for chartering new chapters or de-chartering non-performing chapters and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- Develops chartering requirements for the Board of Directors' approval.
- Updates chapters' annual work plans.
- Develops (or contributes to the development of) efforts to attract and retain members.

Coastal Summit Steering Committee

■ *Joan Pope, Kathleen Riely and Michael Walther, co-chairs*

- Meets monthly during the active portion of the year

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Are you IMPOSSIBLE to buy for?

May we suggest the best gift for any coastal professional (or student) is "90 Years of ASBPA," the digital collection of all the past *Shore & Beach* journals (including a searchable index) from 1933 to 2016 and conference proceedings from 1927 through 1929. They are all on a convenient DVD or flash drive at a cost of \$100 for members (or 5 for \$350), \$200 for non-members, and \$250 for libraries and other institutions. Fill out the order form and enclose a check or credit card information and send to ASBPA, 5460 Beaujolais Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33919. If using a credit card, you can email

or fax the information. The fillable order form is available at <http://asbpa.org/wpv2/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/DV-OrderformASBPFillable.pdf>. ❖

Committees

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- Develops theme and logo, Call for Issues, Call for Awards.
- Assigns sponsorship committee who markets sponsorships.
- Develops program, invites speakers, arranges agency meetings.
- Coordinates awards and awards reception.
- Confirms legislative agenda and chapter agendas included.
- Conference traditionally occurs in late February or early March in Washington, DC, but can be changed by a vote of the Board.

National Coastal Conference Steering Committee

■ Ashley Judith, Reuben Trevino and Cris Weber, co-chairs.

- Meets monthly during the active portion of the year
- Develops theme and logo, Call for Presentations and Call for Awards.
- Assigns sub-committees (sponsorship, field trip, papers, short course,

awards, etc.).

- Develops and leads the field trip.
- Coordinates with Coastal Zone Foundation concerning the short course(s).
- Markets sponsorships.
- Reviews abstracts and develops technical program.
- Selects award recipients.
- Conference traditionally occurs in October at different coastal venues, but can be modified by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Website Committee

■ Lee Weishar, chair

- The Website Committee shall be comprised of the vice president for External Communications who act as chair, the Executive Director, the Managing Directors, the Webmaster and additional members as determined by the committee.
- Establishes direction for the website and maintains consistency with the website design.
- Set content gatekeeper. ❖

CONFERENCES

■ **Feb. 7-9, 2018:** FSBPA Tech Conference at the Edgewater Beach Resort, in Panama City Beach, FL. Look for details at FSBPA.com.

■ **Feb. 21-22:** Restore America's Estuaries: Second annual National Living Shorelines Technology Transfer Workshop, Oakland, CA, Details at estuaries.org.

■ **March 20-22, 2018:** ASBPA's Coastal Summit, ASAE Conference Center, 1575 I Street NW, Washington, DC.

■ **April 17-19:** CSBPA Conference, "Coastal Conditions: Strategies for Present and Future. Bodega Marine Laboratory, Bodega Bay." Information at csbpa.org.

■ **July 30-Aug. 3, 2018:** International Conference on Coastal Engineering, ICCE 2018, Baltimore, MD. Details at www.icce2018.com/

■ **Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2018:** ASBPA's National Coastal Conference, Galveston Island Convention Center, Galveston, Texas. ❖

A reminder as you begin your holiday shopping, please make any purchases at Amazon.com, using Amazon Smile with ASBPA listed as your charity! Anything you buy on Amazon.com, you can also buy through smile.amazon.com, but doing so will provide ASBPA a small contribution (0.5% of whatever you purchase). Go to smile.amazon.com and select American Shore & Beach Preservation Association, or use the link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/53-0218954>. ❖

