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Protect your profession by letting your voice be heard

By **KATHLEEN RIELY, ASBPA Coastal Summit Co-Chair**

In the ever-changing and polarizing climate that exists today in Washington, DC, one thing has not changed — and that is, to quote an old saying, “the squeaky wheel gets the oil.”

While most (if not all) technical and scientific professionals are more interested in practicing their profession than spending time in the political realm, being involved is something that cannot be ignored.

We are fortunate to have an organization such as ASBPA that actively seeks to bring to light the science and facts to the federal arena to benefit ASBPA members and coastal communities. Understanding how the system works and making sure

the members are not forgotten in the process is key to continuing success between the public and private sectors.

The 2018 ASBPA Summit is rapidly approaching and we have the opportunity to bring the strength of our collective voice to Washington.

In order to improve the understanding of pertinent coastal rules, regulations, and laws, the Summit offers speakers from Congress, FEMA, USACE and NMFS, CEQ and BOEM along with discussions of ASBPA’s legislative agenda and guidance for effective meetings with legislators and federal agencies.

Please join us for three days of meetings discussions, hill briefings and the Coastal Celebration Reception, which recognizes and honors successes in coastal management. ❖



Upcoming deadlines:

- **March 14:** Pre-“at the door” rate for the ASBPA Coastal Summit ends
- **April 6:** Nominations for Best Restored Beaches due
- **May 4:** Abstract deadline for ASBPA National Coastal Conference

Save these dates in 2018:

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



ASBPA Coastal Summit 2018

“Working Together: Science & Policy for Resilient Coasts”

Dates: Tuesday, March 20, 8 a.m. – Thursday, March 22, noon
Online registration open at www.asbpa.org

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DRAFT Program

Program as of Feb. 28, 2018 Subject to change

Tuesday, March 20

- 8:00-11:45 a.m. ASBPA Board of Directors' meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Registration opens
- “ASBPA’s Legacy”**
Day Moderator: Joan Pope
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome
Joan Pope, Kathleen Riely and Michael Walther, Summit co-chairs
Derek Brockbank, ASBPA Executive Director, and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA Managing Director
- 1:15-1:45 p.m. Keynote: “The Corps’ Role in Integrated Coastal Restoration”
William (Jeff) Lillycrop, Technical Director of Civil Works, Research and Development, USACE Headquarters
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- 1:45-2:45 p.m. “Agency Response to Executive Order (EO) 13807: Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects”
- **Moderator:** Ken Willson
 - Ted Boling, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Associate Director for NEPA (invited)
 - Dale Beter, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Interim Regulatory Program Manager, South Atlantic Division/Program Manager, Jacksonville District
 - Cathy Tortorici, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Chief ESA Interagency Cooperation Division Office of Protected Resources
 - Jennifer Bucatari, Oceanographer, BOEM Office of Environmental Programs
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. BOEM presentation on National Offshore Oil & Gas Program
- 3:15-3:35 p.m. Break – **Sponsored by Manson Construction**
- 3:35-4:35 p.m. “Regional Sediment Management panel on merging science and policy”
- **Moderator:** Derek Brockbank
 - Mindy Simmons, Senior Program Manager, USACE Headquarters,
 - Elizabeth Godsey, Coastal Engineer, USACE Mobile District
 - Steven Goldbeck, Chief Deputy Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- 4:35-5:05 p.m. “ASBPA Science and Policy Working Together”
Nicole Elko, ASBPA Science Director; Michael Walther and Kathleen Riely, ASBPA Government Affairs co-chairs
- 5:05-5:30 p.m. “Making Your Best Case for the Coast: Optimizing Hill and Advocacy Visit Time”
Michael Rogers, policy advisor in the Legislative & Public Policy Group, Alston & Bird
- 5:30 p.m. National Coastal Conference organizational meeting
Reuben Trevino, Ashley Judith and Cris Weber, conference co-chairs
- 5:45 p.m. Central Gulf Coast Chapter chartering
- 6-7:30 p.m. Chill Out Time

Wednesday, March 21

“Emerging Issues”

Day Moderator: Mike Walther

- 7:45 a.m. Continental breakfast – **Sponsored by CrowderGulf**
- 8:00-9:10 a.m. “Best Restored Beaches: Sharing Best Practices”
Welcome — U.S. Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-Alabama)
- 2017 BRB award winners panel:
- **Moderator:** Lee Weishar, Best Restored Beaches Chair
 - **Dauphin Island, AL** — Mayor Jeff Collier
 - **Phipps Ocean Park, FL** — Palm Beach, FL, Mayor Gail L. Coniglio
 - **Popponesset Spit, MA** — Tara Marden, Project Manager, Woods Hole Group
 - **Prime Hook Beach, DE** — Bart Wilson, Coastal Resilience Coordinator, North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative
 - **Sandbridge Beach, Virginia Beach, VA** — Dan Adams, Coastal Program Manager, Virginia Beach

9:10-9:55 a.m. Keynote: Nick Shufro, Assistant Administrator, Risk Management, Federal Insurance & Mitigation Administration, FEMA/DHS

9:55-10:15 a.m. Break — **Sponsored by CrowderGulf**

10:15-11:30 a.m. “Storm Surge Panel”

- Chris Penney, FEMA, National Hurricane Program Manager
- Donald E. Cresitello, USACE, Senior Coastal Planner
- Dr. Rick Knabb, The Weather Channel, Hurricane Expert and Tropical Program Manager
- Josh Friedman, Director of GIS, New York City Emergency Management

Wednesday afternoon:

Advocacy visits (advance reservations required) – Times and meeting places to be determined

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
2. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
3. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
4. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
5. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

4:30-5:30 p.m. Hill Briefing with Coastal States Organization

“The 2018 Congressional Agenda, and Getting to Know ASBPA and CSO”

- **Moderators:** Bradley Watson, Coastal States Organization, and Derek Brockbank, ASBPA
- Staff, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, U.S. House of Representatives
- Staff, Commerce Committee, U.S. Senate

5:30-7:30 pm Coastal Celebration Reception — Room 902, Hart Senate Office Building
Sponsored by Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.

Thursday, March 22

“What’s Next”

Day Moderator: Kathleen Riely

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

8:30-9:10 a.m. “What we heard from the agencies: A recap”

- Michael Walther, ASBPA Govt. Affairs Committee co-chair
- Mark Osler, ASBPA advocacy chair

9:10-9:40 a.m. “What we heard from the Hill: A recap”

- Tony Pratt, ASBPA President
- Derek Brockbank, ASBPA Executive Director

9:40-9:55 a.m. Break

9:55-10:25 a.m. “Local Funding Options”
Peter Ravella, owner, Peter A. Ravella Consulting

10:25-11:00 a.m. “Planning for Natural Hazards and Climate Change Adaptation”
Gavin Smith, Coastal Resilience Center, University of North Carolina

- 11:00-11:35 a.m. “Innovative Financing for Coastal Resilience”
Lynn Scarlett, Global Managing Director for Public Policy, The Nature Conservancy
- 11:35-11:45 a.m. Next steps and wrap up
Conference chairs and Derek Brockbank, ASBPA Executive Director
- Noon Adjourn
- 1-5 p.m. **Short Course:** Project management*

This course outlines the diverse expertise in a wide variety of areas required to make up an effective project team, and to enable project managers to more efficiently coordinate activities among and between the various specialist elements. This includes facilitating a well-integrated effort that will expedite completion of both large and small projects which often are complicated due to the interdisciplinary composition of the project team, managing the project design, project team and client expectations for an increasing number of projects that have various physical, environmental, and stakeholder constraints. It is one of 10 modules that make up the Certified Coastal Practitioner credential.

ASBPA and Coastal Zone Foundation (CZF) have teamed up together to present a series of short courses as modules for the Certified Coastal Practitioner credential. Professional development certificates will be awarded to those who successfully complete the module.

* Course requires separate registration in advance and separate fee.

Registration fees

	ASBPA member	Non-ASBPA member**	Student member	Student non-member*
Until midnight Feb. 20	\$395	\$495	\$75	\$100
After Feb. 20	\$445	\$545	\$75	\$100
At the door (after March 14)	\$495	\$595	\$85	\$110
Short course	\$75	\$75	\$35	\$35

Deadlines: Cancellation with refund: March 14, 2018 (\$50 cancellation fee)

Sponsorships are available...full details at www.asbpa.org

Send checks or government purchase orders to ASBPA, 5460 Beaujolais Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33919-2704.
To be officially registered, payments must be received by March 14, 2018.

** Registration fee includes 2018 ASBPA membership.

Hotel:

There is no conference hotel. The ASAE Conference Center is at 1575 I Street NW, near the McPherson Square Metro Station (served by the Blue and Orange lines).

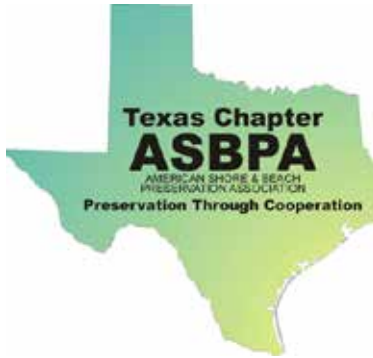
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Summit short course:

More than just Project Management 101

By PETER SEIDLE, Project Management course instructor

The upcoming Project Management course is offered as part of Coastal Zone Foundation and ASBPA's Certified Coastal Practitioner credential program. A module on project management (don't stop reading! — this applies to you, regardless of your experience) is being offered on Thursday afternoon following in the final sessions of the Coastal Summit.

Everyone has one of two things... some aspect of their skill set that could be improved (I'm only referring to

managing projects here!) and experiences to help others to become better project managers. In this module, we will refresh your existing skills and provide shared experiences in handling common issues that arise whether you are a consultant, municipality, federal employee or contractor. We all can benefit from learning how someone else manages projects with common or similar goals.

Please sign up here — <http://asbpa.org/conferences/>. If you have already registered for the conference, you can still add this to your registration. ❖

Next Shore & Beach is on its way to you!

The next issue of "Shore & Beach" is at the printer, and should be headed to you shortly.

In this general issue, you'll find:

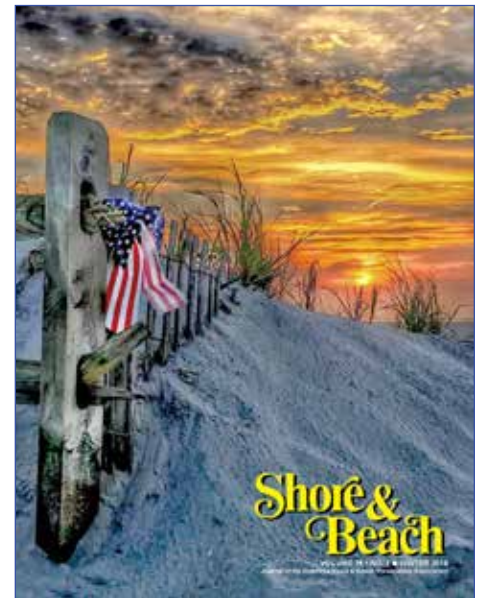
- "Natural changes and human impacts on the sand budgets and beach widths of the Zuma and Santa Monica littoral cells, Southern California," by Gary B. Griggs and Kiki Patsch.

- "Sediment management for sustainable ecosystem restoration of coastal Louisiana," by Syed M. Khalil, Angelina M. Freeman, and Richard C. Raynie.

- "An overview of history of coastal restoration plans and programs in Louisiana," by Charles J. Killebrew and Syed M. Khalil.

- Coastal Observations: "CDIP wave observations during Hurricane Matthew," by James Behrens, Eric Terrill, Julianna Thomas, David Castel, and Richard Seymour.

- Coastal Forum: "Rediscovering significant wave height and the roots of coastal engineering thinking," by Jack C. Cox.



- Book review: "The Edge: The Pressured Past and Precarious Future of California's Coast," by Kim Steinhart and Gary Griggs, reviewed by Sumi Selvaraj

- The 2017 ASBPA photo contest winners, and details about the ASBPA's 11th annual photography contest.

Looking ahead, upcoming issues of "Shore & Beach" will focus on dune management challenges (No. 3) and adaptation (No. 4). ❖

Reflections on unacceptable behavior

By TONY PRATT, ASBPA President

I use my “Coastal Voice” column this month to reflect on a different issue than usual. Over the past few months there have been many revelations of unacceptable behavior of men against women — and in some cases against other men — across the nation. As many of these cases came forward in the late fall, fellow ASBPA board member Ken Willson wrote to many of us to express his deeply felt concern about this and to reflect on inappropriate comments against women he had heard from a former ASBPA officer.

I congratulate and thank Ken for taking a stand and calling on his colleagues to maintain a moral high ground. He, and I, believe the things he heard and referred to are in the past and is not behavior of anyone currently on the board or the Executive Committee. I regret where we have been due to one person’s behavior, but we must use that bad example to inform the present and the future.

Perhaps beginning with the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, our country has been evolving to a more just and balanced society

Congress passes disaster response bill

By DEREK BROCKBANK
ASBPA Executive Director

Early in the morning of Feb. 9, Congress passed HR 1892, legislation that set two-year spending limits (“budget cap”), lifted the debt ceiling, and allowed for a short-term continuing resolution to fund the government for six weeks while a final FY18 budget can be drafted. It also included a Disaster Response bill to address the 2017 hurricanes and wildfires. The budget cap and debt ceiling have ramifications for coastal spending because they impact the full economy, but the Disaster Response

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with equality and sense of fairness and opportunity for all. This past year has seen another large and good shift in the paradigm, the exposure of and expectation of the end of sexual harassment and intimidation in the work place. I am sorry for the atmosphere that existed in the past when some joined the leadership of ASBPA.



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Those days are gone, but they will not be forgotten. I urge all of us to continue to work toward an organization where there will be no intimidation and if there, is people feel empowered to bring it immediately to the top leadership to put

an end to it. Let’s work together toward that goal.

Thank you, Ken, bringing this forward to us, and I remain committed to building an even better ASBPA for all involved. ❖

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bill directly provides hundreds of millions of dollars for coastal restoration and resilience.

ASBPA was pleased to see the bill included, at some level, all the funding for which we had been advocating. Key funding for coastal and beach restoration included:

- \$810 million for Flood Control & Coastal Emergencies (FCCE). This is funding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) uses to rebuild flood infrastructure, including beaches and dunes, after federal emergencies.

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Take 10 minutes, give us input on local funding

By TYLER BUCKINGHAM,
Working Group vice chair

ASBPA is pleased to announce the creation of the Local Funding Working Group, chaired by Peter A. Ravella. Local government officials are looking for ways to pay for long-term shoreline management projects and programs — how to create and structure the local funding streams, how to maximize state or federal dollars, and how to develop support for the funding plan in the community and in the political process.

The ASBPA Local Funding Working Group is dedicated to helping local communities solve their beach and shoreline program funding problems by providing technical resources, best practices, workshops and trainings to the ASBPA community. To kickoff this effort, we ask for your help as we collect local beach and shoreline project funding information by completing the short, 10-minute ASBPA Local Funding Survey (<http://asbpa.org/2018/02/21/local-funding-survey/>). If you have information about a locally funded program, please consider helping us out.”

This information will greatly help us understand the current funding landscape and determine how the Working Group can best assist ASBPA members accomplish project funding. For more information about the Local Funding Survey or be become involved in the working group, please email tyler@parccoastal.com. ❖

Nominations for coveted Best Restored Beach due April 6

By **TONY PRATT, ASBPA President**

I went through a series of interviews recently for engineering support services for my Delaware agency and we had numerous presentations. One very notable element stood out in nearly all presentations. There was at least one beach restoration project shown on a slide that had the award emblem of being an ASBPA Best Restored Beach. It is a proud status that has become treasured by both the local government and community residents as well as the engineers and scientists who had a hand in the restoration. It is very rewarding to see how coveted this has become.

So how do you obtain these bragging rights? Merely go to the ASBPA website (ASBPA.org) and click on the pulldown menu “About Us,” and then click on “Awards.” This will take you to the page with the application for the Best Restored Beach Award. In general, we are looking for the following information from established, as well as new, projects for the 2018 Best Restored Beaches Award:

To meet submission deadlines, all nominations must be sent electronically to Bestrestoredbeach@asbpa.org by April 6, 2018. The nomination text must be in MS Word, WordPerfect, or PDF, and photos must be saved in JPEG or TIF formats. A nomination checklist is available at www.asbpa.org. We encourage all applicants to use this form to make sure their application is complete.

Nomination packages must contain the following:

1. Nominator’s contact information (name, address, phone, fax, email).
2. The name and contact information for the nominee’s public relations specialist who will be coordinating with the media for press releases, etc.
3. The name of the project

manager, design engineer, and the dredge contractor who constructed the project.

4. Project description (whether or not it is a federal project, sponsors, designers, engineers, location, length, dates and volumes of nourishment material for each nourishment episode and dates of nourishments, obstacles overcome, success of project).

5. At least one professional quality color photograph of restored beach with release (tourist development councils and local resorts are good sources for photos of this quality).

6. Project locator map.

7. Before and after restoration photographs.

8. A statement about why you consider this beach a best restored beach in the United States. (It is important to let the Committee know that you love your beach and that the restoration project was a benefit to the Community, storm damage protec-

tion, habitat restoration, recreation, or other).

9. If available, please include beach nourishment data for your current project, and historic beach nourishments, to include volume (cubic yards), cost, and length of shoreline

restored. Your project will be added to our online geodatabase: <https://gim2.aptim.com/ASBPANation-wideRenourishment/>

Winners will be notified in advance. ASBPA will prepare press releases to notify the media of the winner. Winners must agree to provide press releases to their local media and arrange for a representative to be present at the 2018 ASBPA Summit in Washington D.C. to accept the award.

All materials submitted will become property of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association and will not be returned. Upon written request, a nomination from 2017 that was not chosen can be carried over to 2018. ❖



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■ \$15 billion for constructing flood and storm damage reduction projects (including shore protection). Of this, \$10.425 billion must be used for states affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. But the remaining \$5.5 billion may be used for projects in states that have had more than one flood-related major disaster declaration between 2014 and 2017. Projects in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands do not require a local cost-share.

■ \$135 million for USACE investigations, including feasibility and regional studies. Of this, \$75 million must be used for states affected by Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The remaining funds may be used for projects in states that have had more than one flood-related major disaster declaration between 2014 and 2017. These funds could be used for South Atlantic Coastal Study, an expansion of the Southeast Coastal Assessment. These funds were authorized at full federal expense; *they do not require a local cost-share.*

■ \$40 million for mapping and charting affected coastlines and navigation channels by NOAA.

■ \$50 million to improve weather forecasting, hurricane intensity forecasting and flood forecasting and mitigation capabilities for NOAA.

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Chairs announced for 2018 National Coastal Conference

The 2018 National Coastal Conference, “Resilient Shorelines for Rising Tides,” will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 2 in Galveston, TX, at the Galveston Island Convention Center. The three conference chairs provide diverse experience in the coastal realm, which will be reflected in the call for abstracts and the final program. New this year are special sessions on Coastal Operations. Abstracts will be due May 4; see the call for abstracts below for areas of interest for abstracts.

The three co-chairs are:

■ **Ashley Judith:** A project manager at AECOM with more than 14 years of experience designing and constructing major navigation and coastal engineering projects. From conception, permitting, design, funding, and construction management, she has worked on a variety of private and public sector projects throughout the Gulf of Mexico, East Coast and the Caribbean. With experience as a consultant engineer as well as marine contractor, she blends technical knowledge and practical application gained from the planning stages through execution. Ashley specializes in deep-water navigation projects, beneficial use of dredged material, marsh creation, coastal structures, and construction management.

Judith stated: “We’re looking forward to hosting everyone in Texas this fall! It’s going to be another informative conference with lots of opportunity to network with other professionals who are passionate about our coasts! I’m thrilled to be a part of this distinguished organization and to serve as co-chair for the 2018 National Coastal Conference!”

■ **Reuben Trevino:** He has been an Eagle Scout since age 15, and his experiences led to his concern for preservation and restoration of the great outdoors, and more specifically our coastal areas. Trevino participated in



The 2018 National Coastal Conference chairs (from left): Ashley Judith, Cris Weber and Reuben Trevino.

multiple research projects while earning a BS and Masters in Biology. He is a certified Texas Master & Coastal Naturalist, and former member of the Texas Sea Grant Advisory Committee. He worked for the City of South Padre Island from 2008-2015, managing its Coastal Resources Program. In February 2016, he joined the Galveston Park Board of Trustees as the Director of Operations.

“Galveston is excited to host the Fall conference in October,” said Trevino. “We’re looking forward to great presentations and the opportunity to broaden ASBPA’s audience to professionals that manage the coasts after the dredges stop pumping and the sand has equilibrated.”

■ **Cris Weber, P.E.,** is the Coastal Engineering Manager for Freese and Nichols with over 20 years of experience as a project engineer and project manager. Weber is a registered civil

engineer in Texas and Florida and has been the project manager and technical lead on a variety of coastal, riverine, and civil engineering interdisciplinary projects, providing technical expertise ranging from oyster reef restoration and bird island habitat protection to hard and soft nearshore structure design to dredging and dredge material placement operations.

Weber added: “I am excited to be part of a conference that provides a forum to discuss critical coastal issues, exchange ideas and experiences, and collaborate on potential solutions to difficult problems faced by everyone in the coastal community. The coastal stakeholders that contribute to the successful discussions are engineers, scientists, geologists, policy makers, and all of the local, and state community members. The diversity of interests and backgrounds are what makes ASBPA a great conference.” ❖

2018 National Coastal Conference call for abstracts open, due May 4

The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), in cooperation with the Coastal Zone Foundation, announces the Call for Abstracts for its 2018 National Coastal Conference, Oct. 30-Nov 2 at the Galveston Island Convention Center on Galveston Island, TX.

ASBPA is the nation's first organization to promote science-based policies for the preservation of coastal areas. The theme of the 2018 conference, "Resilient Shorelines for Rising Tides," continues to broaden our focus across the entire physical coastal and estuarine system. The National Coastal Conference provides an opportunity for coastal stakeholders and managers to develop collaborative networks to promote best management practices, while learning the latest science, engineering and policy needed to maintain and improve the health of our beachfront and estuarine shorelines and ecosystems.

In addition to our usual content of coastal science and engineering, policy and management, restoration and resilience, this year ASBPA's conference has a dedicated call for presentations on the day to day operations of public beaches and coastlines. We invite parks and recreation professionals who manage beaches and coastal areas and are responsible for their general upkeep, profitability, and community engagement to present on their successes and challenges. We hope that the scientific, engineering and restoration community can learn about the challenges of a managing a coastline

after restoration or between nourishments, and coastal managers can learn more about the physical and biological processes that impact their coastline.

Technical, policy-oriented, and "operational" presentations or posters are invited for a broad range of coastal & estuarine ecology, science, engineering, economics, and policy. Specific topics include, but are not limited to:

- Design Concepts and Projects
- Green/Grey Infrastructure and Living Shorelines
- Regional Comprehensive Coastal Studies
- Lessons Learned from tropical storms/hurricanes (Matthew, Harvey, Irma, Maria, etc.)
- Coastal & Estuarine Landscape Architecture
- Coastal & Estuarine Modeling
- Coastal Hazard Mapping & Analysis Tools
- Coastal & Estuarine Resiliency
- Sea Level Guidance, Planning and Adaptive Management
- Beach Restoration and Coastal Structures
- Lagoon, Wetland, Marsh, and Estuary Restoration and Enhancement
- Regional Sediment Management
- Economics of Coastal Resources
- Federal, State, and Local Coastal Policy, Regulatory and Legal Issues
- Sand Source Rights
- Coastal Infrastructure Management
- Coastal Operations topics may include:
 - Community Outreach and Education
 - Day to Day Coastal Operations



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- Managing the public (e.g. keeping people off dunes, pet issues, hazard warnings)
- Creating and managing revenue streams (e.g. parking, concessionaires, etc.)
- Marketing
- Waste/litter management
- Health and Safety (e.g. lifeguard issues, rip current, ADA accessibility)
- Access issues

Presentations may be PowerPoint or poster format. Abstracts (up to 500 words) are due by May 4, 2018, and can be emailed to abstracts@asbpa.org. Submit abstracts via the online form at www.asbpa.org. Presenters are responsible for all of their expenses including travel, lodging, and registration fees. Notification of presentation status will occur by June 25, 2018. Additional information can be found at www.asbpa.org. ❖

ASBPA advocates for better coastal planning, budgeting in WRDA 2018

By **DEREK BROCKBANK**
ASBPA Executive Director

As Congress begins the process of drafting a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2018, ASBPA is working to improve the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) budgeting and planning process for coastal projects. ASBPA has been working with the Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works and House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, to develop policies that would bring greater transparency and longer-term planning to USACE's budgeting process and provide greater justification and resilience for coastal projects.



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Specifically, we would like to see USACE districts prepare a public, multi-year schedule of priorities for federally authorized coastal projects and have USACE calculate the full range of benefits (including environmental and recreation) when evaluating coastal projects. We'd also like to see language clarifying that after a federal disaster, federally authorized beaches can be rebuilt with greater resilience than before the storm.

Our Position Statement outlines our full goals with explanations:

In order to maintain the safety and resilience of our nation's coastlines, Congress must continue a two-year cycle for passing a Water Resource Development Act and pass a WRDA in 2018. The 2018 WRDA should include:

- Policy that requires the USACE to develop, and maintain, a multi-year schedule of priorities for

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federally-authorized coastal projects that incorporates a regional approach to coastal resilience.

- Policy that requires the Corps to calculate the full range of benefits when evaluating coastal projects, including: reducing storm damage to property and infrastructure; promoting public safety; protecting, restoring, and creating aquatic ecosystem habitats; enhancing shorelines; promoting recreation; supporting risk management adaptation; other public economic or environmental benefits.

- Language to clarify that Flood Control and Coastal Emergency (FCCE) funding should be used to repair beaches to pre-storm levels or bring the beach to its design level of protection, whichever is greater.

- Authorization for:

- The South Atlantic Coastal Study (WRDA 2016, Sec. 1204) at full federal expense.

- Construction for coastal storm damage risk reduction projects that have an approved Chief of Engineers report.

- A California Sediment Management program. ❖

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The bill also appropriated \$23.5 billion to FEMA's "Disaster Relief Fund." State and locals can use these funds to rebuild a wide variety of infrastructure damaged in federally declared disasters, including locally funded beach projects that are eligible for FEMA "Category G" funds. (See FEMA's handbook for eligible uses of the Disaster Relief Fund.) Additional funding was provided for Community Development Block Grants and to federal highway system, both of which could be accessed for coastal resilience improvements for the right projects.

Coastal communities — particular those in the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast — will need to work with their local USACE districts and FEMA reps to determine exactly what projects can be funded and next steps. However, this is a massive infusion of federal funding for beach and coastal restoration and resilience that will need to be used wisely to prevent future storms from having the devastating impacts that 2017 hurricanes had. ❖

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We are getting excited for our Coastal Summit later this month! Everything you need to know about the Summit, including the program, sponsorships, and accommodations, is available on our Conferences page. To register, click through the online registration link.

We have several new announcements on our site, including the request for nominations for the 2018 Best Restored Beaches awards (nominations due April 6), and the call for abstracts for the 2018 National Coastal Conference (due date for abstracts is May 4).

Lots of new news about ASBPA's advocacy efforts is linked from the home page and news archive. 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

Corps requests proposals for BUDM pilot projects

BY DEREK BROCKBANK
ASBPA Executive Director

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has published its request for proposals for beneficial use of dredged material pilot projects pursuant to Section 1122 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016.

The USACE is looking to recommend 10 projects for the beneficial use of dredged material (BUDM) program that would allow for transport and placement of dredged material at full federal expense. Creating and implementing this program has been one of ASBPA's top priorities over the past 2 years, because it would require the USACE to work more closely with states and stakeholders to make better use of dredged material from federal navigation projects. It will also help some local communities access beach quality sand that might otherwise be wasted. As a "Pilot Program" this will result in a report that recommends how USACE can better and more efficiently utilize dredged material going forward.

Proposals must be submitted to USACE on or before March 12, 2018.

Please review the request for proposals; if you have been trying to access dredged material from a federal navigation channel, consider submitting a project!

More information on the program and solicitation can be found in the Federal Register notice, 83 Fed. Reg. 5763 (posted on Feb. 9, 2018). It is available online at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/02/09/2018-02613/>



A small dredge pumps sand from a channel onto a Fort Lauderdale beach.

[request-for-proposals-for-beneficial-use-of-dredged-material-pursuant-to-section-1122-of-the-water](http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/wrda2016/wrda2016_impguide/).

The pilot program can include projects for the purposes of:

- Reducing storm damage to property and infrastructure;
- Promoting public safety;
- Protecting, restoring and creating aquatic ecosystem habitats;
- Stabilizing stream systems and enhancing shorelines;
- Promoting recreation;
- Supporting risk management adaptation strategies; and
- Reducing the costs of dredging and dredged material placement or disposal, such as projects that use dredged material for: construction or fill material; civic improvement objectives; and other uses and placement alternatives that produce public economic or environmental benefits.

Projects identified under Section 1122 must maximize the beneficial placement of dredged material from federal and non-federal navigation channels and ensure that the use of dredged material is consistent with all applicable environmental laws. USACE is required to carry out the pilot program in consultation with relevant state agencies and to establish regional teams to assist in the evaluation of the proposals.

USACE implementation guidance (including selection criteria) for carrying out the provisions of Section 1122 and information on submitting a proposal can be found at http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/wrda2016/wrda2016_impguide/.

Finally, there has been some concern that this program could pull money away from the USACE navigation funding, but ASBPA believes this pilot program would have minimal impact on USACE's ability to complete navigation projects. Using principles of Regional Sediment Management, we expect BUDM projects will be cost effective and add little to no additional costs to existing projects and any increased funding can be born from across the USACE budget lines

Strong participation in the program will demonstrate to USACE, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and especially Congress the need to provide robust funding for interconnected navigation and coastal projects where dredging will be providing dual benefits — in both the removal of sediment and the placement (ideally on a beach!). ❖

CHAPTER REPORTS

California Chapter set April conference

By **KIM GARVEY,**
CSBPA President

Save the date for the California Shore & Beach Preservation Association's (CSBPA) 2018 conference, "Coastal Conditions – Strategies for the Present and Future." It will be held at the Bodega Marine Laboratory, Bodega Bay, CA, April 17-19, 2018.

Learn from invited speakers, participate in pop-up and poster sessions, and provide input for CSPBA action. Further details and conference website coming soon.

Texas Chapter: New date, but the same great meeting

By **JERRY MOHN,**
Texas Chapter President

Editor's Note: *The ASBPA Executive Committee had hoped to attend the meeting, but were thwarted by the weather.*

The meeting planned for Jan. 17 was cancelled due to inclement weather and rescheduled to Feb. 1 at the Galveston Island Convention Center, the same place that will be holding the ASBPA Fall Conference Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. We had approximately 140 in attendance and welcoming remarks were provided by the Mayor of Galveston.

Kelly de Schaun, Executive Director of the Galveston Park Board of Trustees, introduced an informational brochure describing Galveston's beaches and tourism, the economic benefits of their local beaches, and the Park Board's ongoing beach management efforts.



Some 140 Texas Chapter members made it to the rescheduled meeting in Galveston.

Cameron Perry, ASBPA Treasurer and Executive Committee member, described opportunities for and benefits of collaboration between the Texas chapter and the national organization of ASBPA. He provided a presentation that described the history, purpose, and objectives of ASBPA, and the many volunteer opportunities to serve on technical committees. The ASBPA Coastal Summit will be held in Washington, DC, on March 20-22, and the National Conference will be held in Galveston Oct 30-Nov 2.

Sharon Tirpak with the Galveston District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided a presentation on USACE initiatives that focus on coastal storm risk management and ecosystem restoration in Texas.

The Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project is focused on levee and flood-wall improvements for the Port Arthur and Freeport regions.

The Coastal Texas Study is a six-year study with a budget of approximately \$19.8 million. USACE is partnering with Texas General Land Office on the Coastal Texas study, with other stakeholders including the City of Galveston, Matagorda County, City of South Padre Island, and Cameron County. The study will generate a

state master plan for flood and coastal storm risk management as well as ecosystem restoration and protection. Publication of the tentatively selected plan is scheduled for May 2018, and publication of the final Chief's Report is scheduled for April 2021. The study will be presented at the ASBPA conference in November. Project updates can be viewed at www.coastalstudy.texas.gov.

Reuben Trevino with the Galveston Park Board of Trustees, who also serves on the ASBPA Executive Committee, described the ongoing beach nourishment efforts in Galveston. He explained the important role of the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee who engaged USACE to develop a sediment budget for Galveston Island. Since 2015, beach sand nourishments have been constructed from 12th Street all the way to 85th Street and just west of the Seawall with approximately 2 million cubic yards of sand placed at a total cost of approaching \$48 million. Beach revenues have increased as a result of these projects. The Park Board will continue partnering efforts with the city, county, General Land Office, and USACE to continue nourishing and maintaining

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'Forecasting Storm Processes' workshop April 16-18

Registration is now open for the U.S. Coastal Research Program's 2018 workshop: "Forecasting Storm Processes and Impacts." The event will be held on April 16-18, 2018, at the Hilton St. Pete Bayfront, St. Petersburg, FL.

The goal of this workshop is to convene coastal stakeholders across all sectors — academics, government, industry, NGOs — to synthesize our present capabilities for modeling storm processes, forecasting impacts, and to

determine/prioritize where advancements are needed.

There will be a subsequent call for proposals, funded by the participating federal agencies, for research projects that focus on addressing pertinent questions identified in the meeting. More information and a draft agenda will be posted soon.

Registration and reservation deadline is March 15, 2018. Sign up online at: <https://uscoastalresearch.org/storms-workshop>. ❖

CONFERENCES

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

■ **April 16-18:** Forecasting Storm Processes and Impacts. Hilton St. Pete Bayfront, St. Petersburg, FL. Details at <https://uscoastalresearch.org/storms-workshop>

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

■ **April 23-24:** North Carolina Beach Inlet and Waterway Association (NCBIWA) Local Governments meeting in Pine Knolls Shores, NC. Details

at: <http://www.ncbiwa.org/events>

■ **April 24:** Texas Chapter Symposium to be held at the Harte Institute in Corpus Christi. Details at <http://www.texasasbpa.org/site/>

■ **June 12-14:** Management of coastal dunes and sandy beaches workshop, Dunkirk, France. Details at www.lifeflandre.be or www.natuurenbos.be/FLANDRE-international-workshop.

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

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

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these important assets, with upcoming projects already being planned.

Peter Ravella, president of PAR Consulting, provided a presentation on financial planning for beach projects. He stressed the importance of local communities being willing to fund their projects without relying heavily on federal and state funding.

Perry provided an update on the ASBPA Fall Conference held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, last October. He also described scholarship and award opportunities, the ASBPA photo contest, coastal research coordination, and plans for the 2018 national conference to be held in Galveston.

Cris Weber, chair of the Newsletter and Symposium Committees, requested articles for the next Texas Chapter newsletter, and for abstracts for the upcoming Texas Chapter Symposium to be held in Corpus Christi at the Harte Research Institute on April 24. He also described ongoing collaboration with the Texas Chapter of COPRI (ASCE Coastal, Ocean, Ports, and Rivers Institute).

Next meeting will be the fourth Texas Chapter Symposium to be held at the Harte Institute in Corpus Christi on April 24. ❖

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