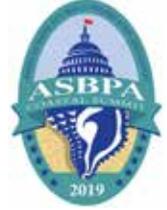


Coastal Voice

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

— February 2019 —



NOTE: Don't forget — deadline for early registration for the ASBPA Coastal Summit is Feb. 12!

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What's in it for me?

By **KATE GOODERHAM**,
ASBPA Managing Director

When I go to a restaurant and I'm hungry for pasta or a salad, those are the parts of the menu I look at. Why look at steaks and chicken when that's not what I'm hungry for? ASBPA is much the same way; I could prepare a huge list of what is going on in 2019, but you'd just tune out.

Instead, I'm going to talk about what is going on in ASBPA in 2019 by what you might have to gain from it. Go down the list and look for what you are trying to achieve and then go for it!

■ You need **professional development hours** (aka CEUs) — You can request certificates for 12 hours for the Coastal Summit and 16 hours for National Coastal Conference. If you take a short course at the Coastal Summit, there is another 4 hours. At the National Coastal Conference, the short course is worth 8 hours.

■ You want to **share knowledge** with others — *Shore & Beach* journal is always interested in papers. Go to <http://asbpa.org/publications/shore-and-beach/> for more information. Also, the National Coastal Conference is another way to share knowledge. Abstracts are due May 4 and the conference is Oct.22-25 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

■ You are interested in the **technical aspects** of the coast. Attending the National Coastal Confer-

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ence is a must, but participating in the monthly Science & Technology Committee meetings is a great way to catch up with what's going on. They meet by conference call at 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday. Contact me for details.

■ You know that **policy acumen** is critical to your success. Attending the Coastal Summit from March 12-14 is the fastest way to get up to speed and make the connections. Since it is a smaller more focused conference, there is a lot of opportunities to interact with each other and the speakers.



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In addition, the Government Affairs Committee can keep you on top of things all year long. They meet by conference call the third Thursday of the month. Contact me for details.

■ You like the **one-on-one networking** with your peers. Submitting a poster for the Coastal Conference is the best way to have that intimate conversation where you can really dig in. The poster deadline is Sept. 6.

■ You want to **show off** your magnificent project(s). The Best Restored Beach nominations are open right now, and will be due April 5. Later on this year we'll be intro-

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Don't know what you've got till it's gone

By **DEREK BROCKBANK**,
ASBPA Executive Director

Perhaps the biggest lesson from the government shutdown is how much we need the government. Like most coastal folks, I work with a lot of different federal agencies. But ASBPA definitely works most closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which was fortunate enough to get its FY19 budget passed on time this year for the first time in more than a decade so its workers haven't been furloughed as part of the shutdown. I therefore thought our work wouldn't be significantly impacted by the shutdown. Boy, was I wrong!



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OK, perhaps if the shutdown had been limited to the week or two right around Christmas and New Year's, the impacts would have been slight -- but a month-long shut-down? Nearly every facet of coastal management has been impacted! Research is being delayed. Contracting has slowed down. Visitation is down in areas with federally managed coastlines (seashores and refuges). Even the Corps (which has funding) has been unable to do much of its coastal work, because that work takes permits and environmental oversight which has been halted with other agencies shutdown.

Here's just a few comments from you, our members, on how the government shutdown is impacting your work:

■ "We are waiting for a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Sand & Gravel Lease Agreement to

build a Post Florence Nourishment Project (almost 1 million cubic yards). The borrow source for the project is the Offshore Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS)... three-miles offshore. There are no royalty or lease payments due, and formulation of the BOEM lease has always been part of our Master Beach Nourishment Plan process... [but] the final lease for this year's project is awaiting a BOEM solicitor's signature while the federal government is shutdown."

■ "We have permit renewals we have been working on with USACE that require Section 7 [Endangered Species Act] consultation. This process is already a drawn-out ordeal; with

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roducing a new program that highlights non-beach projects — the Best Restored Shore. Those will be due July 12. We also have a photo contest with a Sept. 6 deadline where you can share photos of great coasts with the winner on the cover of the first issue in 2020.

■ You want to **showcase** your company. ASBPA provides opportunities for advertisers (*Shore & Beach* journal) and sponsorships (Coastal Summit and National Coastal Conference) that allows you to focus on the folks who need what you do the most — coastal practitioners.

■ You are a **lifelong learner**. There are opportunities everywhere! The conferences, *Shore & Beach*, the website, social media.

■ You love it **when a plan comes together**. Being on the steering committees of both the Coastal Summit and the National Coastal Conference allows you to put all your project management skills together to produce a great event.

■ You are looking for **accreditation**. The Certified Coastal Practi-

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the shutdown, we are at an absolute standstill."

■ "Our organization has two grant submissions pending Treasury approval for the RESTORE program in Texas. We are waiting on over \$10.5 million for two projects."

The federal government is an integral part of coastal management, science and restoration, and given the complexity of coastal systems many parts of the federal government have a role in maintaining a healthy coastline. The shutdown has been bad for the coast and bad for coastal communities and has exposed how much we need a functioning and funded federal government. ❖

tioner program takes you through all aspects of being a coastal practitioner. By Oct. 25, all 10 modules will be available online. One module will be taught live at the Coastal Summit, and two modules will be taught live at the National Coastal Conference.

Below is a list of the opportunities this year:

- Coastal Summit — March 12-14. Early deadline Feb. 12.
- Best Restored Beach nominations — due April 5
- Abstracts for National Coastal Conference — due May 4
- Best Restored Shoreline nominations — due July 12
- Awards Nominations — due Aug. 2
- Poster abstracts — due Sept. 6
- Student awards nominations — due Sept. 6
- *Shore & Beach* photography contest — due Sept. 6
- Early registration and hotel reservations for National Coastal Conference — due Sept. 23
- National Coastal Conference — Oct. 22-25. ❖

Shutdowns or snowstorms do not stop the Coastal Summit

By **BRIAN CAUFIELD, ASBPA Coastal Summit co-chair**

Partial government shutdowns do not stop the ASBPA's Coastal Summit! Heck, even 2018's snowstorm could not stop us from enjoying the wonderful agenda we had built. And this year will be no different. As a group that pushes for resilient communities, we too are resilient and are able to adapt to the challenges. But we have quite the line-up schedule for you! Join us for three days of policy and advocacy at the ASAE Conference Center, 1575 I Street NW, Washington, DC.



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On Tuesday, March 12, we plan to focus on ASBPA's legacy issues. General Todd Semonite, Chief of Engineers for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be our keynote speaker setting the tone for that afternoon. We will have a moderated discussion around regional planning, where we have invited speakers to discuss the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study, the South Atlantic Coast Study, and the Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Study. We will also hear from Jennifer Armstrong, Senate Energy & Water Appropriations Committee staffer, on setting the budget. We will hear from panelists from Florida, North Carolina, Texas and California about challenges and legalities surrounding beach access. We will have our briefings from the Science and Technology and Government Affairs Committees to help us understand what our "asks" are as we reach out to our congressional representation and federal agencies. And make sure you spend the afternoon with us as we close with a Chill Out

Mixer where the drinks are free and the conversations are endless!

On Wednesday, March 13, we will look at Timely Topics. Our Best Restored Beach Winners will be recognized and given time to share their experiences related to funding challenges and permitting hurdles to help those in the crowd think of what they can do to get their project moving forward. We have engaged NOAA staff to speak on how NOAA is investing in resilient coasts and will hopefully hear from National Ocean Services/ Office of Coastal Management, Office of Habitat Conservation, National Marine Fisheries Service and Office of Science. We will also hear about how one federal decision is impacting and streamlining the permitting process. We will use Wednesday afternoon to make federal agency advocacy visits, or you can take time to go visit your congressional representation and speak to them about ASBPA's mission. And

join us that night in the Hart Senate Office Building Room 902, as we have a joint reception with the Coastal States Organization and celebrate our award winners and the coast.

Our focus on Thursday, March 14, is "What's Next: Climate Change" and we will start with recaps from those who made advocacy visits and visited The Hill. You will have the opportunity to hear from experts in the field on climate policy, climate impacts, messaging climate change, how Miami-Dade is dealing with climate change, and



how rating agencies consider climate change in bond ratings.

You can see our full draft agenda below and on our website. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available online. Online registration is open at www.asbpa.org.

My other co-chairs, Brandon Hill and Kathleen Riely, and I are looking forward to providing you this slate of speakers! ❖

Renew your ASBPA membership today

By **KEN GOODERHAM, ASBPA Managing Director**

For all of you who've already renewed your ASBPA membership for 2019 — thanks. We can't advocate for sound science and coastal policy without the support of our members, both financially and as a group of committed coastal professionals.

If you have not renewed yet — what are you waiting for? Don't miss another issue of *Shore & Beach* or "Coastal Voice," and don't let your discounts for registrations to the Coastal Summit and Coastal Conference slip

away. Most of all, don't miss being part of the only national association that advocates for coastal policies backed by rigorous science.

By now, everyone whose membership was up as of Jan. 1, 2019, has received a second invoice, and many of you responded quickly (thanks!). However, if you don't renew by Feb. 15, you run the risk of missing out on all that ASBPA has to offer.

So why not send in your membership dues right now? Thanks.

P.S. You can renew online at <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=2539133>. Don't worry about passwords. ❖

ASBPA Coastal Summit 2019 “Investing in Resilient Coasts”

Tuesday, March 12, 8 a.m. – Thursday, March 14, noon

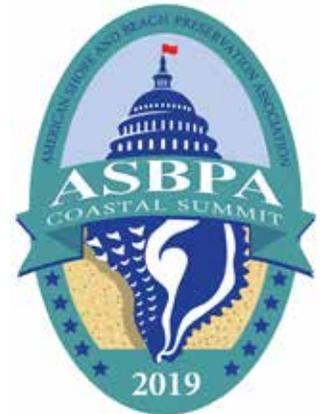
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Tuesday, March 12

8:00-11:45 a.m. ASBPA Board of Directors' Meeting

10:00 a.m. Registration opens

“ASBPA’s Legacy”

1:00 p.m. Welcome

Brian Caufield, Brandon Hill and Kathleen Riely, Summit co-chairs

Derek Brockbank, ASBPA Executive Director, and Kate Gooderham, Managing Director

1:15-2:30 p.m. “What’s Up with Regional Planning: A Moderated Discussion” — Brian Caufield, moderator

Invited panelists from the North Atlantic Coastal Comprehensive Study,

South Atlantic Coastal Study and Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Study

2:30-3:10 p.m. Keynote — General Todd Semonite, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

3:10-3:30 p.m. Break

3:30-4:00 p.m. “The Budget Battle” — Jennifer Armstrong, Senate Energy & Water Appropriations Committee staff

4:00-4:40 p.m. “But I Want to Go to the Beach: The Controversies Around Beach Access”

Panelists from Florida, North Carolina, Texas and California

4:40-5:00 p.m. ASBPA’s Science & Technology Agenda and Government Affairs Agenda — Nicole Elko, ASBPA Science Director, and Derek Brockbank, ASBPA Executive Director

5:00-5:15 p.m. “How to Make the Ask: Maximizing Hill and Advocacy Visit Time” — Tony Pratt, ASBPA President

5:15-5:30 p.m. National Coastal Conference Preview — Tim Kana, Ken Willson, and Dawn York, conference co-chairs

5:30 p.m. Chill Out Time — sponsored by **CDM Smith**

Wednesday, March 13

“Timely Topics”

7:45 a.m. Continental breakfast/break — sponsored by **Manson Construction**

8:00-9:00 a.m. “Stories from the Shoreline: Best Restored Beaches: 2018 BRB award winners”

Moderator: Lee Weishar, Best Restored Beaches Chair

Panel: Galveston Seawall Beach, TX Cardiff Beach, Encinitas, CA

Dare County, NC

Sag-Bridge Beaches, NY

Thompsons Beach, NJ

9:00-9:30 a.m. Break — sponsored by **Manson Construction**

9:30-10:30 a.m. “How does NOAA Invest in Resilient Coasts?” — Panel with representatives from the National Ocean Services/Office of Coastal Management; Office of Habitat Conservation; National Marine Fisheries Service; Office of Science and/or Sea Grant

10:30-11:30 a.m. "How one Federal Decision (administration's regulation streamlining effort) is Working" — Tammy Turley, Acting Chief of Regulatory, USACE Headquarters, and Alex Hergott, Associate Director for Infrastructure, Council On Environmental Quality

Wednesday afternoon:

Advocacy visits* (advance reservations required) — times and meeting places to be determined

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| 1. USACE — Julie Rosati, leader | 2. FEMA — Brian Caufield, leader |
| 3. USFWS — Larry Malizzi, leader | 4. NOAA/NMFS — Ken Willson, leader |
| 5. BOEM — Dan Adams, leader | |

4:30-5:30 p.m. Hill Briefing with Congressional Committee Staff: What's Happening on the Hill
Moderator: Bradley Watson, Coastal States Organization, and Derek Brockbank, ASBPA

5:30-7:30 pm Coastal Celebration Reception — Hart Senate Office Building Room 902

Thursday, March 14

"What's Next: Climate Change"

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

8:00-8:30 a.m. "What we heard from the agencies: A recap"
Kathleen Riely and Peter Seidle, ASBPA Government Affairs co-chairs, and Joan Pope, ASBPA advocacy chair

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. "What we heard from the Hill: A recap"
Tony Pratt, ASBPA President, and Derek Brockbank, ASBPA Executive Director

9:00-9:30 a.m. Break

9:30-10:00 a.m. "What's Going on with Climate Policy" — Jeremy Symons, Symons Public Affairs

10:00-10:30 a.m. "Expected Climate Impacts: Science & Economics" — Shana Udvardy (invited), Climate Resilience Analyst, Union of Concerned Scientists

10:30-11:00 a.m. "Talking about Climate Change: Messaging that Works" — To be determined

11:00-11:30 a.m. "How One Community is Dealing with Climate Change" — Margarita Wells, City of Miami Beach Assistant Director of Environment and Sustainability

11:30-noon How Rating Agencies Consider Climate Change in Bond Ratings — Swami Venkataraman, CFA, Moody's Investor Service

Noon Next steps and wrap up, adjourn

1-5 p.m. Coastal Practitioner® Short Course: Coastal Resilience
(separate registration — not included in Summit registration)

*** NOTE:** Due to the federal government shutdown there may not be time to fully coordinate or even have advocacy visits with FEMA, USFWS, NOAA/NMFS and BOEM. If advocacy visits are not possible, there will be workshop discussion sessions regarding issues, concerns and experiences held at the Summit venue for these agencies. The USACE advocacy visit is not impacted by the federal shutdown.

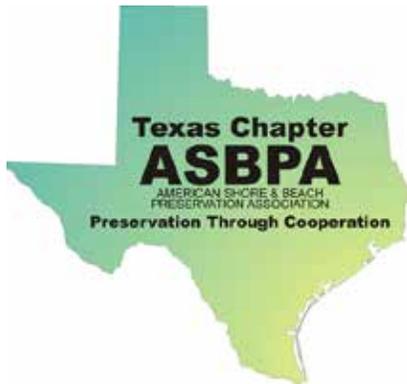
Registration fees before Feb. 12: \$395/member ■ \$495/nonmember

	ASBPA member	Non-ASBPA member*	Student member	Student non-member*
Until midnight Feb. 12	\$395	\$495	\$75	\$100
After Feb. 12	\$445	\$545	\$75	\$100
At the door/after March 6	\$495	\$625	\$85	\$110
Short Course	\$75	\$75	\$35	\$35

Deadlines: Cancellation with refund: March 6, 2019 (\$50 cancellation fee)

* Registration fee includes 2019 ASBPA membership

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Coastal resilience short course

ASBPA and Coastal Zone Foundation (CZF) have teamed up together to present a series of short courses as modules of the Certified Coastal Practitioner credential, a program to offer new or evolving coastal professionals an overview of major technical and policy components they will find in their professional roles. The aim of this program is to provide an overview of how these various components applied to the coastal management field so that professionals will be better prepared to either interact with skilled professionals in these various disciplines or understand what these disciplines can bring to the coastal management team.

On Thursday, March 14, 1-5 p.m., after the 2019 ASBPA Coastal Summit adjourns in Washington DC, CZF will present a Coastal Resilience short course with instructors Katherine Chambers, Julie Rosati, Ph.D, and Nicole Elko, Ph.D. Professional development certificates will also be awarded to those who successfully complete the module.

This short course will provide an understanding of some of the general concepts related to coastal resilience and provide participants (coastal practitioners, professionals, consultants, consumers, government and agency representatives) an understanding of methods and practices for under-

standing resilience in coastal systems (dunes, beaches, communities, etc.), general methods for adaptation and improving resilience, and available tools and guidance. Among the topics to be presented and explored:

- Differentiating between concepts associated with resilience — vulnerability, risk, exposure, sensitivity, cycle of resilience
- Exploring methods for evaluating the resilience of coastal systems
- Translating these concepts into actions for improving coastal resilience through planning, recovery, and adaptation

To register, go to www.asbpa.org and click on Coastal Summit. You can choose either to register for the Coastal Summit and the short course, or just the short course. If you have already registered and would like to add the short course, contact us at managing@asbpa.org to make that change.

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- D. Coastal planner
- E. Coastal communicator

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Help wanted

ASBPA encourages its members to share this solicitation for a coastal engineer to lead the USACE Galveston District's coastal engineering team. Galveston's coastal program is funded for about \$5 billion in new construction this year, in addition to an annual coastal construction budget of \$200-\$500 million for the new navigation projects authorized this year. If you want to lead some of the most important coastal work going in the U.S. or if you know someone who can, apply at the link below or contact Rob or Coraggio:

- Robert.c.thomas@usace.army.mil or (409) 766-3975
- Coraggio.K.Maglio@usace.army.mil or (409) 941-8517
- <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/521317800> ❖

CHAPTER UPDATES

You are automatically a chapter member if you live in the geographic area for a chapter. Get involved locally! Send an email to managing@asbpa.org to connect with a chapter president.

California Chapter

By **KIM GARVEY**, Chapter President

Based on the community inputs poll at the California Coastal Conditions Conference, CSBPA has new ideas that will be rolled out through 2019. Some of those include:

- Participating in technical outreach events, such as Nerd Nights and homeowners association meetings, to increase coastal issue literacy.
- Engaging the general public in coastal topics by hands-on citizen science activities.
- Hosting a 2019 coastal conference in Southern California.
- Creating a technical resources hub on the CSBPA website to be a one-stop-shop resource for the California coastal community.
- Expanding our membership to ensure coverage of the entire California coastline.

Central East Coast Chapter

By **MAURA BOSWELL**, Chapter President

Save the date for a workshop focusing on living shorelines policies and regulations in Norfolk, VA, on May 10, 2019, in conjunction with the Hampton Roads Sea Level Rise Forum. Additional details on this workshop will be forthcoming next month as well as some updates on the chapter. As always, the Central East Coast Chapter continues to grow its membership and is looking for additional volunteers to participate on the

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Board of Directors and in the planning and execution of chapter ideas. Please email Maura Boswell at mbosw002@odu.edu if you are interested in becoming more engaged with the chapter.

Central Gulf Coast Chapter

By **BRET WEBB**, Chapter President

As we approach the 2019 Coastal Summit, and the one-year anniversary of our chapter's chartering, the Central Gulf Coast Chapter is making plans that build on the initial successes of 2018. The chapter starts 2019 with two meetings and a social event under its belt, a healthy regional membership base, a little bit of money in the bank, and a focal point of general interest to our membership base: beneficial use of dredge material.

As the Gulf Coast states embark on what we hope will be many years of coastal restoration work, the need for sediments — and wise sediment management — looms large. We believe that the topic of Beneficial Use will serve as a motivating theme that unifies our regional membership through a shared technical interest for many years to come.

This year the chapter is focusing on two short-term goals that will hopefully lead to long-term success and continuity. First, the chapter is hoping to standardize all meeting times and formats, which will hopefully lead to improved awareness and regular attendance. Second, the chapter is focusing on growing the regional membership within ASBPA.

The chapter believes that accomplishing the former will contribute to success of the latter. Louisiana represents an enormous opportunity to capture more individual and corporate memberships. We will likely concentrate our efforts there and seek out opportunities to partner with other or-



Texas Chapter President Jerry Mohn at the chapter's recent luncheon meeting. Organizations such as the COPRI chapter that has a lot of crossover appeal (and membership) with ASBPA.

The chapter is also developing plans for long-term success. This year we will develop an implementation plan for hosting an annual technical workshop for our region, which will provide excellent opportunities for professional development, dissemination of technical information, and networking.

Great Lakes Chapter

By **ED LIEGEL**, Chapter President

After hosting its first annual conference in 2018, the Great Lakes Shore and Beach Preservation Association (GLSBPA) is looking forward to a productive year for 2019. The chapter is in the process of forming a board, which would ideally represent each of the Great Lakes states and the province of Ontario, as well as a cross-section of public and private sector members. Recommendations were collected at the 2018 annual conference, and are being considered.

In addition to board formation, the Great Lakes chapter will continue its monthly teleconferences — held at

3 p.m. Central on the last business day of each month — as well as exploring lunch-and-learn opportunities for members and interested parties. The chapter is also working to set up activities for in-person gatherings in different states to broaden the involvement of members across the wide geographic area of the chapter.

Hawaii Chapter

By **DOLAN EVERSOLE**, Chapter President

The Hawai'i Chapter (HSBPA) continues to foster dialogue and cooperation on beach and coastal resource conservation, management, and regulation. The Hawai'i chapter is investigating potential fundraising opportunities to support our efforts to foster informed dialogue on coastal management issues with key stakeholders in Hawai'i. One area of particular interest to the HSBPA Board is to evaluate potential for hosting a second coastal management symposium or special conference following the successful 2014 beach restoration workshop and "Beach Restoration in Hawai'i: Challenges and Opportunities" white paper. We are targeting October 2019 for the conference, and hope to include a special session on best practices for establishing beach management districts, which there seems to be great interest in right now.

Texas Chapter

By **JERRY MOHN**, President

The Texas ASBPA Chapter had a luncheon meeting in South Padre, Texas, on January 11 and we heard about the History of South Padre Island Beneficial Use of Dredge Material Projects (BUDM). The City's BUDM began back in 1988 and con-

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Elko appointed to SC commission

ASBPA Science Director Nicole Elko has been appointed by the governor of South Carolina to a new SC Floodwater Commission, tasked to find solutions to tackle flooding in the state that will serve future generations. Elko joins about 49 other government officials, business leaders and academic experts, including two coastal congressmen, Charleston Democrat Joe Cunningham and Myrtle Beach Republican Tom Rice; eight state agency heads; and five coastal mayors. Elko is serving on the Living Shorelines Task Force, one of 10 charged with developing short- and long-term recommendations to reduce the impact of flooding “from the sea to the Upstate.” ❖



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tinues to this day with a total of over 9 million cubic yards of beach-quality sand having been placed. The US Army Corps. of Engineers, General Land Office and the City of South Padre Island continue to invest through BUDM, surveys and other novel approaches of shoreline management into the improvement of the quality of life and environment.

We also heard from Cameron County Coastal Parks Master Plan, which was adopted in 2015 with an investment of 30 million dollars. A program for financial improvements was developed for 2017-2036. There are new amenities with various public access improvements. In order to make improvements to the beachfront pavilions, a large-scale county dune mitigation project was undertaken.

The Government Affairs Committee presented federal and state legislative agendas for Texas ASBPA Chapter. Changes to the state legislative agenda included adding coastal cities to the potential recipients of GOMESA funding and providing counties the ability to address camping on beaches. Changes to the federal agenda included requesting funding to USACE for additional coastal projects.

The Communications Committee discussed the next symposium and field trip, which will be the Texas Chapter’s fifth, will be held at the

University of Texas Marine Science Institute (UTMSI) in Port Aransas, in the Spring of 2019. Also, the next newsletter will have changes and it will be published in a few months.

Every two years the Texas Legislature meets in the state capital of Austin from January through June, and it’s very intense due to the short meeting period. This is always an opportunity for the Texas Chapter to have a meeting in the capital to encourage members to visit with their legislators to support various coastal issues. The General Land Office of Texas manages all the coastal areas for the state covering 367 miles of coastline. The Texas Chapter plans to have a lunch meeting in Austin on Feb. 19 with guest speaker General Land Commissioner George P. Bush. We will also invite legislators to discuss important coastal issues such as windstorm insurance.

The Chapter attempts to have four meetings in a year along the Texas coast except for having one in Austin during the legislative session. This year with the delay of the South Padre meeting, we will have five meetings.

For the last five years, the Texas Chapter collaborates with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Galveston District, who handles the entire Texas Coast, for a luncheon in mid-August. A final luncheon meeting will be mid to upper coast most likely early December. ❖

A playbook on preparing for disasters and building resilience

By SHANNON CUNNIFF, ASBPA board member and Director of Resilience, EDF

Most politicians know that re-election can rest on successfully navigating a disaster response.

A bitter truth is that, as climate change continues to make weather events more intense and frequent, it is increasingly likely that governors will be grappling with critical tests of resilience brought on by more extreme weather events, natural disasters, crumbling infrastructure and cyber threats.



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But the paradigm is shifting from disaster response to disaster preparedness, as it is becoming clear that the human and economic toll of not being prepared for disaster may be just as consequential as the immediate response.

The good news is that new leaders taking office this month now have a New Governors’ Resilience Playbook, thanks to a bipartisan committee of 18 governors known as the U.S. Climate Alliance. These experienced leaders advise incoming governors on how to build long-term resilience during their first year in office and recommend a 10-step program based on best practices.

The best practices gathered in the New Governors’ Resilience Playbook will help any new governor tailor resilience efforts to meet their state’s needs.

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Aimed at busy executives, the playbook is a quick read with lots of good advice about leadership, timeliness and governance. At its core, the message is that new governors need to focus on accelerating actions that build resilience to better prepare for disasters before they strike.

The resilience playbook includes four overarching takeaways for new leaders.

1. Don't politicize resilience.

Oftentimes, new executives wish to make their own mark and end up reinventing the wheel. New governors should resist the temptation to reinvent good plans. Instead, they should build upon the work of others and drive implementation.

2. Don't wait for, or waste, a disaster.

The time to act is now. As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. And with the unpredictability of climate change, it is imperative that new governors develop and begin implementing resilience plans as soon as possible. Disasters also provide opportunities to implement change. Having a widely supported plan ready to implement when post-disaster funding is available enables more transformative progress.

3. Leverage existing resources to support local efforts.

Implementation happens at the local level. States leaders need to

provide guidance, technical resources, funding and flexibility to help with local resilience building.

Some states restrict communities from implementing stronger building codes than those established by the state. Rather, state leaders should allow and encourage local governments to implement robust codes that significantly reduce the impact of specific hazards faced by their communities.

4. Invest in natural and green infrastructure.

Natural infrastructure like restored wetlands, dunes and forests complements more traditionally engineered hard infrastructure solutions to build more resilient communities. Investing in these assets also offers other benefits, including "water and food security, public health and safety, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration," according to the playbook.

The governors highlight California's Executive Order B-30-15 as an example of a resilience-focused directive that, among other things, prioritizes actions that use natural and green infrastructure solutions and protect natural resources.

There are no silver bullets to stop floods, droughts or wildfires. Nor is there a one-size-fits-all solution for building resilience. But the best practices gathered in this resilience playbook will help any new governor tailor resilience efforts to meet their state's needs. ❖



Call for nominations:

ASBPA's 2019 Best Restored Beaches awards due April 5

ASBPA is seeking nominations for the Best Restored Beaches Award to recognize beach renourishment projects. This award honors the Best Restored Beaches in America annually to help build awareness of the value of America's restored beaches. The award-winning projects on America's open shoreline and on the Great Lakes' shorelines could include:

- Beach and shoreline renourishment project on open coastlines
- Dune projects
- Coastal resiliency projects with a sandy beach or dune component
- Inlet management and regional sediment management (RSM) projects including beach placement
- Beach and shoreline projects on open coastlines with structures that enhance the performance of beach renourishment projects

The intensity of the storms that have been hammering our coasts have been increasing. It has been proven that high dunes and wide beaches are the best defenses to minimize the impacts of erosion and flooding from severe storms. "Many seasonal or new residents of beach communities do not realize that their beach was built and has been maintained over the years.

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It is important that everyone realize the time and effort that is required to maintain this critical resource” says Tony Pratt, ASBPA President.

Continued public support for restoration is crucial and often difficult to maintain when restoration projects become successful and routine. ASBPA encourages nominations from established, as well as new, projects for the 2019 Best Restored Beaches Award.

In preparing your nomination, you should provide a narrative that includes as a minimum the following:

- Project objective.
- Was the project successful?
- Project designer/engineer.
- Project contractor.
- Collaborative partners.
- The project sponsors.
- Was this project funded by state/local government, federal, private, or a combination?
 - Adversity that was overcome.
 - Describe the public outreach before and during the project.
 - Project permitting hurdles that were overcome.
 - Cubic yards placed on the beach for this project.
 - Location and project length (for this and previous projects).
 - Number and dates of previous beach nourishments and cubic yards placed on the beach for these previous beach nourishments.

The committee will evaluate the nomination based on your responses to these questions. Please feel free to expand on or the describe in more depth what efforts were required.

To meet submission deadlines, all nominations must be sent electronically to Bestrestoredbeach@asbpa.org by April 5, 2019. The nomination text must be in MS Word 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.

Nominations must contain:

1. The information requested above.
 2. Nominator’s contact information (name, address, phone, email).
 3. The name and contact information for the nominee’s public relations specialist who will coordinate with the media for press releases, etc.
 4. The name of the project manager, design engineer, and the dredge contractor.
 5. At least one professional quality color photograph (preferably horizontal) 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 (preferably horizontal).
 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 protection,
 - Habitat restoration,
 - Recreation, or other.
 9. If available, include 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/ASBPANationwideRenourishment/>
- 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 2020 ASBPA Summit in Washington D.C. to accept the award.
- All materials submitted will become property of ASBPA and will not be returned. Upon written request, a nomination from 2018 that was not chosen can be carried over to 2019. ❖

ASBPA 2019 National Coastal Conference abstracts due May 4

The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), in cooperation with the Coastal Zone Foundation, announces the Call for Abstracts for its 2019 National Coastal Conference, Oct. 22-25 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center in Myrtle Beach, SC.

ASBPA is the nation’s first organization to promote science-based policies for the preservation of coastal areas. The theme of the 2019 conference, **“Where Coasts & Rivers Meet”** 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 flood risk and resource management within coastal floodplains. Specifically, we are looking at challenges of watershed tidal interfaces especially when considering the impacts of Sea Level Rise (SLR); we want to hear about natural resource management and restoration projects within these same zones and the specific challenges attributed to working in upland and coastal lands, share experiences in dealing with issues such as king tides and the impacts on the urban flooding environment.

Technical, policy-oriented, and coastal floodplain resource and flood

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risk management 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 (Florence, Michael etc.)
- Coastal & Estuarine Floodplain Landscape Architecture
- Coastal & Estuarine Floodplain Modeling
- Coastal Hazard Mapping & Analysis Tools
- Coastal & Estuarine Floodplain 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
 - Resiliency and Adaptation Approaches within Coastal Communities
 - “Nuisance Flooding” and Urban Flooding Challenges
- Presentations may be PowerPoint or poster format. Abstracts (up to 500 words) are due by May 4, 2019. 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 24, 2019. Additional information can be found at www.asbpa.org. ❖

‘Engineering with Nature[®], An Atlas’ now available

“Engineering With Nature: An Atlas,” developed by T.S. Bridges, E.M. Bourne, J.K. King H.K. Kuzmitski, E.B. Moynihan and B.C. Suedel, is available at Knowledge Core, the U.S. Army Engineering Research and Development Center’s (ERDC) digital repository.

The 56 projects presented in this atlas reveal the diversity of applications and benefits that can be achieved through Engineering With Nature[®]. To download, go to <https://ewn.el.erdcdren.mil/atlas.html> ❖

CONFERENCES

- **Feb. 6-8, 2019:** National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology, Hilton St. Augustine. Details at www.fsbpa.com/tech-conference.html
- **Feb. 12-13, 2019:** South Carolina Beach Advocates Annual Meeting, Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, SC. Details at: <https://scbeaches.org/2019-annual-meeting>
- **March 12-14, 2019:** ASBPA’s Coastal Summit. J.W. Marriott-ASAE Conference Center, 1575 I Street NW, Washington, DC. Details at www.asbpa.org.
- **May 10:** Living Shorelines Policies & Regulation, Norfolk, VA. More information to follow
- **May 27-31, 2019:** Coastal Sediments 2019, Tradewinds Island Resort, St. Pete Beach, FL. Details and abstract submission at <http://coastalsediments.cas.usf.edu/>.
- **Oct. 22-25, 2019:** ASBPA’s National Coastal Conference. Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC. Details available in May at www.asbpa.org. ❖

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We hope you can join us in Washington, DC, this spring for some valuable time with our government officials and agencies. Please mark your calendars for March 12-14, 2019! All the essential information including a draft program is available on our Conferences page. It’s not too late to become a sponsor of the Summit. Consider joining with ASBPA to make this event possible! Many thanks to those companies and groups who have already committed to sponsorships for this year. To sign up, click through the online registration link on the Conferences page.

As always, all 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* ❖