



ASBPA National Coastal Conference CALL FOR ABSTRACTS — Due April 8, 2024

“Wrangling the Waves of Change: Adapting to Coastal Dynamics” August 26-29, Galveston, TX

[The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association](#) announces a Call for Abstracts for the National Coastal Conference, “**Wrangling the Waves of Change: Adapting to Coastal Dynamics**” to be held **August 26-29, 2024 in Galveston, Texas**.

The National Coastal Conference welcomes all coastal stakeholders and managers to learn the latest science, engineering, and policy needed to maintain and improve the health of our beachfront and estuarine shorelines and ecosystems, while developing collaborative networks to promote best management practices.

Technical, policy-oriented, and coastal floodplain resource and flood risk management presentations or posters are invited for a broad range of coastal and estuarine ecology, science, engineering, economics, and policy. We will also have sessions on the Blue Flag Award criteria such as environmental management; water quality; beach accessibility; beach safety and operations; and community engagement.

Specific topics include, but are not limited to:

Beach Management and Design

- Coastal design concepts and projects
- Beach restoration, management and maintenance
- Regional sediment management
- Beneficial use of dredged material sediment
- Beach parking, public access, and accessibility
- Lessons and issues in coastal communication and outreach
- Lessons learned from storms and extreme events

Coastal Processes Technical Advances

- Coastal & estuarine modeling
- Coastal hazard mapping & analysis tools

Flood Risk Management

- Coastal resilience and national security implications
- Coastal infrastructure
- Green/Grey infrastructure and living shorelines
- Improving shoreline and coastal resiliency
- Lagoon, wetland, marsh, and estuary restoration

Policy Oriented

- Creative funding strategies for beach restoration

- Economics of coastal resources
- Federal, state, and local coastal policy, regulatory and legal issues, including easements
- Funding challenges and resources for coastal infrastructure
- Policies for improving resiliency and adaptation
- Regional comprehensive coastal studies
- Sea level rise guidance, planning, and policy
- The role of environmental justice in restoration and storm recovery

Coastal Flood Plain Resources

- Coastal infrastructure management
- Nuisance flooding and urban flooding challenges
- Managed retreat/strategic realignment

Blue Flag Award Criteria such as:

- Environmental management
- Water quality
- Beach accessibility
- Beach safety and operations
- Community engagement

Submit abstracts by visiting <https://asbpa.org/conferences-draft/future-meetings/>.

Presentations may be PowerPoint or Poster format. Abstracts shall include discussion on objective/motivation, methods/approach, results/findings, and conclusions/lessons learned. **Abstracts** (up to 500 words, following the required format) **are due by April 8 for PowerPoint Presentations and July 15 for Poster Presentations**. Notification of presentation status by June 1st. Presenters are responsible for their expenses including registration fees, travel and lodging. Thank you.