

## TCS ANNUAL MEETING

### MINUTES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

7:30 AM (EST)

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

TCS President, Lisa Schiavinato welcomes membership at 8:00 AM and thanks everyone for participating.

**\*Past-President Jeff Benoit made a motion to accept the minutes from 2011 Annual Membership Meeting. Motion seconded by Chris Ellis.**

#### **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **Awards Presentations:**

Lisa made two award presentations due to the recipients who were unable to attend the TCS Awards Luncheon the following day. Awards were as follows:

1. Distinguished Service to TCS presented to *TCS Bulletin* Editor-in-Chief Ellen Gordon.
2. President's Award presented to TCS Board Member Rick DeVoe.

#### **Annual Highlights**

In 2011, the TCS Board of Directors developed and approved a comprehensive strategic plan at a two-day retreat in Charlotte, NC. It was a productive work session, and it resulted in a sound plan for moving the organization forward. This plan will be revised every two years, coinciding with the entry of the new President.

A fundraising strategy was also recently drafted, which is being adopted and implemented by TCS.

In the fall of 2011, TCS circulated a RFP for coastal and ocean projects. The RFP was jointly sponsored by TCS and Taylor & Francis. TCS received 30 proposals. After reviewing all proposals, the Education Committee made a recommendation to the Board, and TCS subsequently sponsored three activities.

1. Southeast Tidal Creeks Summit (Charleston, SC)
2. De Island da We: Gullah/Geechee Sustainability Workshop (Charleston, SC)
3. Ecosystem Modeling Workshop and Training organized by the Barnegat Bay Partnership (National Estuary Program, Toms River, NJ)

TCS Membership elected three new directors to the Board:

1. Susan Farady (Marine Affairs Institute/Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program)
2. Andy Bohlander (University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program)
3. Tony MacDonald (Urban Coast Institute at Monmouth University).

A membership survey was administered to all TCS members to learn perspectives about the direction TCS is going, how TCS can improve, and perceived membership benefits. The Board will be taking survey data and comments into consideration as they plan for new activities.

### **Financial Report**

TCS operates on two-year cycle centered on the conference. Success of the TCS conference allows for carry-over activities into the next year. TCS is doing well for its critical/normal operations. A challenge is state and fed budgets (travel) have been cut, substantially. This will significantly impact TCS, and the Board will have to make financial adjustments for 2012. However, the TCS Board has identified a number of exciting opportunities for 2013. Stay tuned for information soon.

### **TCS Chapter Announcements**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 AM.