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2010: A turning point

By **HARRY SIMMONS**,
ASBPA President

As I write this report on 2010, we don't yet know exactly how things will turn out in Washington with federal appropriations for the fiscal year that started on Oct. 1. While that is not strange, at least lately, the new wrinkle is the proposed ban on earmarks — and most importantly, what that word “earmark” means as it relates to projects that have been previously authorized by Congress — following a rigorous vetting process. Corps of Engineers’ projects fall into such a category, which has many of us watching and waiting.



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ASBPA has been heavily engaged in helping Congress understand the difference between the authorized, fully studied project with a clear national purpose and certain other projects that “pop up” only during the appropriations process. As I wrote to the leaders of both Houses of Congress recently: “There is not another federal agency that vets

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its projects with the rigor and transparency undertaken by the Corps of Engineers. They are not “pork.” They are legitimate projects to meet critical national needs.”

Meanwhile, ASBPA has undertaken other initiatives in 2010, including appointing a Sustainable Funding Task Force to review the federal funding process and seek ways and means to ensure coastal projects are sufficiently funded in the future, with priorities that make sense. We see this as a multi-year national effort and seek your input whenever you see fit to provide it.

We have also seen a significant renewal of commitment and effort from our Science and Technology Committee, which will be of great benefit to ASBPA over the years to come. Co-chairs Tom Campbell and Nicole Elko have engaged this large committee on the issues of today, and hopefully of tomorrow as well. Participation is stronger than in any year of my tenure at ASBPA. Thanks to all for this effort.

Also, 2010 saw a change in the leadership at *Shore & Beach*, ASBPA's peer-reviewed journal,

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with Ron Flick passing the executive editor reins to Lesley Ewing. Ron will continue to contribute as an associate editor. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Ron for his years of commitment to the excellence of *Shore & Beach* and look forward to working with Lesley to further enhance the quality of this 75+ year old internationally recognized journal.

A new approach to the National Coastal Summit was rolled out in 2010. Rather than gather at a single hotel, we began using the Marriott Learning Complex in the Ronald Reagan Building as our meeting location, allowing attendees the flexibility to stay where they would like, or where their budget will most easily allow. The same approach will be used in 2011.

Our National Coastal Conference which was held in October in Charleston, our first time convening in that city, was a major success, both in attendance and quality of the program. The greatest advantage to moving our conference to a new location each year is that we get to see

many parts of coastal America first-hand, both through the locally oriented presentations and the optional field trip. The Low Country of South Carolina was an interesting location for both, as we provided a first visit to the area for many.

In my role as a member of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board, which is an advisory commission for NOAA and its parent, the Department of Commerce, I was fortunate to attend Sea Grant Week in New Orleans in late October. During that meeting, I was appointed to be the Advisory Board member on the Hazard Resilience in Coastal Communities Task Force, a position that I sought because of its close ties to much of what I do both for ASBPA and as a beach town mayor. I hope to provide more insight on this new task as I become more fully engaged in the next year.

As always, if I can be of any assistance to you on coastal matters, please send me an email at president@asbpa.org or call me on my personal cell phone at (910) 200-7867. Happy New Year. ❖

TREASURER'S REPORT

Charting a new course while maintaining fiscal discipline

By BRAD PICKEL,
ASBPA Treasurer

What a difference a year makes. There isn't a better statement to describe ASBPA in 2010. We have put together two great conferences, reinvigorated and engaged our board and membership in new and existing committees, and are building an organization that will make a difference in shaping the management of our coastal



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resources in the present and future. As treasurer of ASBPA, it would be great if I could report that things are also much better in 2010,

but our financial picture cannot be viewed through rose-colored glasses.

There is no arguing that the downturn in the economy continues to impact our organization's bottom line. The strength of our organization lies in our member-

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ship, and many of our government and private sector members have seen reduced revenues this year. Travel budgets and memberships are two easy targets as we have seen, but the good news is that it could have been much worse.

In 2009, I reported how we were going to work to reduce expenses and generate revenues. Last year, we looked at three primary ways to reduce costs and generate revenues: modify the Coastal Summit to not utilize a conference hotel; work hard to make the Coastal Conference a must-attend event; and work to increase membership. So, how did we do?

First, we must look at our overall budget. In 2010, we budgeted a loss with the knowledge that it was going to be a tough year. The good news is that we are not expecting to take as large of a loss as initially expected. Our revenues appear to be in line with our budget while our expenses will be less than budgeted.

As mentioned in other sections, we modified the Coastal Summit by not having events at a conference hotel in order to reduce expenses. We utilized the Reagan Center as our meeting location and, from all reports, our attendees did not highlight this as a concern in post-event evaluations. Improvements were offered for 2011 that we are incorporat-

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- Brad Pickel
- Jeffrey Gebert
- Jerry Mohn
- Robert Rosenfield
- Baylor Wasson

ing in the planning process. As for the bottom line, we saved \$3,000 by making this change. Unfortunately, the attendance was down so we made about \$1,000 less overall in 2010 than in 2009. Without the change, we would have made \$4,000 less.

How effective was the Annual Conference in generating revenue? As my conference co-chair, Tim Kana, has described in his section of the annual report, the ASBPA should be proud of the National Coastal Conference in Charleston. In all measures, it should be deemed a success — and that includes financially! Through the diligent work of a multitude of people, we exceeded 2009 revenue numbers for both registrations and sponsorships. This was great news considering we had seen how the Summit was impacted by the economy, and as we all know, times had only gotten tighter. The net revenue for the National Coastal Conference was over \$80,000, almost \$9,000 more than in 2009. This is critical as our conferences and memberships

are what fund our organization.

Finally, we made a call to all of you to help us increase our membership ranks by encouraging others to join ASBPA. While the jury is still out, it looks like we will be very close to meeting our revenue projections for memberships. Taken all together, it looks like we have held our own this year in the face of daunting conditions. So, what is new in 2011?

To reduce costs, we will be holding meetings during the Coastal Summit at the Reagan Center and not a conference hotel. This change also allows for attendees to stay at a hotel of their choice, but this isn't the only change as reported elsewhere in the Annual Report. It will be a very exciting Summit as we learn what the "New Normal" will be in Washington.

Second, we will be holding the Coastal Conference in New Orleans. Not only has New Orleans rebounded since Hurricane Katrina, but the Gulf of Mexico is also the epicenter of cutting-edge projects that are underway for the restoration of coastal resources. We expect this conference to offer something for everyone, including an updated discussion of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and its impacts. Finally, the board of directors have approved a zero-based budget for 2011. It required a number of cuts, and we

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A SBPA's membership is its lifeblood. Nothing happens without the involvement of the membership. This year was a turning point in membership — we had more members on committees and attending conferences than ever before. Student membership and international membership increased. Thanks to all of you for your time, talents and treasury. Corporate and governmental members are critical for political strength and financial stability. A special thanks to them:

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- St. Lucie County, FL
- St. Petersburg/Clearwater CVB, FL
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- Bald Head Island, NC
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- Carteret County, NC
- Caswell Beach, NC
- Kill Devil Hills, NC
- Oak Island, NC
- Ocean Isle Beach, NC
- Pawleys Island, NC
- Surf City, NC
- Avalon, NJ
- Township of Upper, NJ
- West Hampton Dunes, NY
- North Myrtle Beach, SC
- Brazoria County Shoreline Restoration Task Force, TX
- Freeport, TX
- Jamaica Beach, TX
- Port Aransas, TX
- Quintana, TX
- Rockport, TX
- South Padre Island, TX
- Surfside Beach, TX
- Wilacy Co. Navigation District, TX
- Virginia Beach, VA

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will need your ongoing support and participation in 2011 to continue to be a voice for the shores and beaches of America.

It is a pleasure to be treasurer of the ASBPA as we grow and become a larger part of the coastal discussion. Please let me know if you have any other thoughts about ways to increase our bottom line in 2011. Through the financial support of the organization, every one of us plays a large part in not only the sustainability of the ASBPA, but also the sustainability of our coastal resources. ❖

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- South Padre Island Economic Development. Corp.

Working hard on many fronts

By NICOLE ELKO, Ph.D.,
Committee Co-Chair and
ASBPA Secretary

As I reported at the annual meeting in Charleston this fall, the ASBPA Science & Technology (S&T) Committee has renewed energy and is working toward some important goals that will benefit academics and industry. The goals include advancing the scientific reputation of *Shore and Beach*, the fall conferences and the board and membership, as well as the long-term goal of increasing academic funding for coastal research to restore the influx of trained US coastal engineers to the industry. We are presently investigating whether the latter is necessary, as some have suggested a marketing deficiency or perhaps a combination of both. The following is a brief summary of the goals and what you can do to help.

■ **Goal #1: *Shore & Beach*** — The S&T Committee hopes to see more paper submittals from distinguished researchers, Master's and Ph.D. student research, and practicing engineers/consultants with interesting case studies to share. If you are one of the above, please consider submitting a paper.

■ **Goal #2: Fall Conference** — The S&T Committee wants to

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maintain the following successes from the Charleston conference: good turnout of Corps staff and researchers, local scientists who presented at ASBPA because it was in the area, and presentations by eminent researchers conducting state-of-the-art work in repeatable topic areas. We hope to have a few session topics that you can count on each year, like Regional Sediment Management (RSM).



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includes a one-year membership to the organization. Retaining some of the researchers described under Goal #2 will go a long way toward this goal. The S&T Committee wants to disprove any naysayers who think ASBPA has turned into a lobbying association. The organization was founded on science and engineering, and the policy recommendations continue to be science-based.

■ **Goal #4:** To restore the influx of trained U.S. coastal engineers & scientists to the industry (increase funding for coastal research) — A lot of effort is

going into this goal.

■ **Short-term student involvement:** A pilot Student Chapter of ASBPA has been established at Stevens Institute of Technology by Tom Herrington. A new section of the website for students will debut early next year that includes information on this chapter as well as what we think will be a great tool for students: a list, based initially on Coastal_List postings, of student funding and research opportunities around the country. Eventually, we hope those with funding/research opportunities will contact us too.

■ **Academic funding for coastal research:** A sub-committee is conducting interviews of retired and practicing academic coastal researchers to learn where they are getting their funding, if the source has changed over the years, whether coastal research in their department is increasing or decreasing, among other things. This is the first step toward determining whether a funding problem exists and how ASBPA can help address it.

Finally, in terms of the marketing side of the equation, the recent oil spill in Louisiana and the coastal crisis that ensued involved a bit too much “international collaboration” in the eyes of some of our members. This is not due to a lack of U.S. coastal engineering expertise, so our hypothesis is that it is due to poor marketing of

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Honoring our best beaches

By **MICHAEL DOMBROWSKI, P.E., BRB chairperson**

The interest in ASBPA Best Restored Beaches (BRB) continues to grow, and 2010 was no exception with the number and quality of the nomination packages that were submitted. Not only is there growing interest domestically but, during the advertisement of the BRB, we received inquiries if an international beach project was eligible to be nominated.

Members of the BRB Committee met several times in early 2010 to review the submittal packages and discuss the 2010 BRB nominations. Committee participants included Nicole Elko, Leslea Meyerhoff, Joan Pope, Richard Dewling, Tom Jarrett, Tony Pratt, Brad Pickel, Gary Vegliante and myself as chairman. The purpose was to discuss and evaluate this year's BRB nominees and to determine which beaches should receive ASBPA's BRB award for 2010.

After extensive discussion, the BRB committee recommended to the Board of Directors the nominations listed below and determined that these beaches represented the BRB in the United States. In addition, it was recommended that ASBPA consider an "International Award" in the future. The projects, in alphabetical order, that were selected as an

ASBPA Best Restored Beach for 2010:

- Corpus Christi, Texas
- Navarre Beach, Florida
- Seahurst Park, Burien, Washington
- Seal Beach, California

Corpus Christi Urban Waterfront Beach Projects, Texas

The Corpus Christi Urban Waterfront Beach Project consists of two projects: McGee Beach and Corpus Christi Beach. These urban beaches have been ranked among America's top beaches; great sand, clear calm waters, and a diversity of events and attractions providing easy access to the public.

In 2004, the city of Corpus Christi partnered with the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) and Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program to nourish McGee Beach. The \$640,000 project consisted of 56,000 cubic yards of beach-quality sand; a 1,800-foot-long section of beach was widened to approximately 250 feet. Five 300-foot-long concrete sheet pile groins were installed to reduce sand losses and thus extend the intervals between renourishments.

In the late 1970s, construction of the initial Corpus Christi

Beach restoration project was funded by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the city of Corpus Christi; the beach was renourished in 1998. In the summer of 2001, the city and TGLO co-sponsored a project to back-pass sand to re-nourish the beach section. Construction of the \$1,456,000 nourishment project included placement of 125,000 cubic yards of imported sand and 25,000 cubic yards of back-passed sand for a total fill volume of 150,000 cubic yards over 3,000 linear feet of beach.

Navarre Beach, Florida

A non-federal beach restoration project at Navarre Beach was designed to restore a critical protective buffer to the upland along approximately four miles of Gulf shoreline repeatedly damaged by multiple storms. The project was also designed to re-establish important recreational and economic benefits for the area, including 0.7 miles of beach and dune at the Navarre Beach State Park Recreation Area.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems co-sponsored the project with Santa Rosa County. Property owners raised the local cost-share through the establishment of a

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Municipal Service Benefit Unit on the barrier island.

Perhaps one key success factor can be found simply in the ultimate acceptance of the completed project by the stakeholders, including many who were vocal opponents in the initial planning stages. Once sand began to expand the storm-damaged beach and residents saw the Gulf being “pushed” away from their properties, evacuation routes and other public infrastructure, public opinion began to slowly move from criticism to appreciative acceptance of the project.

Seahurst Park, Burien, Washington

The Seahurst Park Project is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-funded effort through a Project Partnership Agreement with the city of Burien. Seahurst Park’s South Shoreline restoration project has reinvigorated a park and a fragile ecosystem. The design has restored the physical connection between the natural beach and its sediment supply.

The restored beach supports federally listed threatened and endangered species such as Chinook salmon. Residents of Burien and other communities throughout the region visit Seahurst Park to learn about the environment and enjoy the park’s shorelines. The Corps’ Seattle District has completed a



general investigation and feasibility study for Puget Sound restoration.

The project was the first one funded by the Corps’ “Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters” pro-

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U.S. engineers and perhaps insufficient federal R&D funding. We think there should be more focus on solving U.S. coastal engineering issues through U.S. academia, consultants, and industry. The S&T Committee plans to continue to discuss how to address this issue and start out by meeting with key Corps staff to determine whether ASPBA can assist.

As you can see, the S&T Committee has been, and will continue to be, busy. We need help tackling the issues outlined above and would like to include interested members in the committee. Please contact exdir@asbpa.org if you’d like to help. ❖

gram and has effectively served as a prototype project for addressing many Puget Sound ecosystem restoration issues, including bulkheading and sediment supply.

Seal Beach, California

The Seal Beach project located in Orange County has significant historic importance as being the state’s first U. S. Army Corps of Engineers’ beach nourishment project that has been ongoing for almost 50 years. The state of California is aggressively promoting beach nourishment projects, and this is an example of a very successful ongoing project that is a model of what others can look like in the state.

This beach provides a resource to millions of people in a high-density population area on the border of Orange/ Los Angeles counties. Nourishment allows the city the flexibility to better manage the sand within their compartmentalized shoreline over time, improve the users’ experience, and enhance protection. There was a high level of cooperation between local, state and federal governments to allow an unconventional contracting process to succeed in a tight timeframe and budget.

The 2011 Best Restored Beach contest will be ASBPA’s 10th year of the award and is shaping up to be one of the most interesting and publicized contests yet for ASBPA and BRB. ❖



Call For Nominations: ASBPA's Best Restored Beaches Awards

For more than 30 years communities around the United States have been restoring their beaches. Although some areas in the country are relatively new to the process, others have a long history of successful replenishment projects. In many cases, the restoration process is so well established that beach enthusiasts are not even aware they are enjoying a restored beach!

The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) honors the Best Restored Beaches in America annually to build awareness of the value of America's restored beaches.

"In some cases, the public needs to be educated about the history of long-standing restoration projects," says ASBPA President Harry Simmons. "In other cases, the memories of folks who were around when the beaches were in bad shape often need refreshing."

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 2011 Best Restored Beaches Award.

To meet submission deadlines, all nominations must be sent electronically to Bestrestoredbeach@asbpa.org by **April 8, 2010**. 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.

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. 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).
4. 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).
5. Project locator map.
6. Before and after restoration photographs.
7. A statement about why you consider this beach a best restored beach in the United States.

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 2012 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. A nomination from 2010 that was not chosen can be carried over to 2011.

A year of storms, structures and scholarship

By **BETH SCIAUDONE, Ph.D.**,
Managing Editor

In 2010, *Shore & Beach* continued to bring updated research findings and case studies to ASBPA members. We held our second photography contest with excellent participation from the membership and some lovely photographs were published in our first issue of the year (Volume 78, No. 1). Our very own vice president, Tony Pratt, provided the grand prize winning photo on the cover.

Our second issue (Volume 78, No. 2) was dedicated to the Friday the 13th November 2009 northeaster that impacted the mid-Atlantic and New England states. Guest edited by former *Shore & Beach* executive editor Nick Kraus, it featured damage reports and lessons learned from the storm. This issue carried on a long tradition of post-storm reporting in *Shore & Beach*.

Our third issue of the year (Volume 78, No. 3) highlighted two articles on the South Carolina coast, the venue for the 2010 National Coastal Conference. Renowned coastal geologist and author Miles Hayes contributed an excellent overview of South Carolina coastal processes, an article that is sure to be referenced for years to come. Local consulting engineers from Coastal Science and Engineering detailed

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a shoreline stabilization case study at a South Carolina state park. Also of note in that issue, distinguished professor Robert L. Wiegel authored a detailed historical overview of shore processes and engineering in the San Pedro Bay Delta area in southern California. Professor Wiegel's depth and breadth of knowledge are amazing and it's always a pleasure to read his contributions.

In October, Volume 78, No. 4 was published as a double issue (with Volume 79, No. 1) dedicated to coastal structures. The guest editors for that issue, Michael Walther and Scott Douglass, worked on this issue tirelessly throughout the whole year to ensure that we had a comprehensive and valuable series of papers. Papers featured structure impacts and effects on the coasts of the Atlantic, Pacific, Great Lakes, and even the United Kingdom and Portugal. If you haven't yet read this issue, please pick it up — there is truly something for everyone.

Finally, in 2010 we concluded the tenure of our long-time

executive editor, Dr. Reinhard Flick. Many thanks to him and his tireless assistant Amy Hsiao for all of their hard work in making *Shore & Beach* a continued success. We welcome Lesley Ewing as our new executive editor in 2011 and look forward to working with her!

We hope you have all enjoyed your subscription this year, and anticipate excellent contributions in 2011. Thank you all for your support, and remember that we always welcome your contributions — manuscripts, opinion pieces, letters and photographs!

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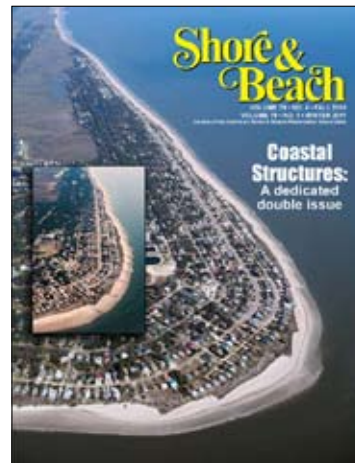
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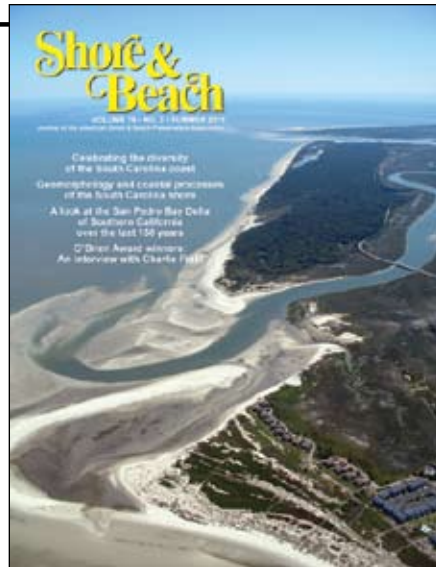
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The budget storm ahead

By **TONY PRATT**, Vice President and Government Affairs Committee Chair

We who are involved in coastal management and governance have become accustomed to coastal storms that wreak havoc on beaches, marshes, towns, and people. We know it will happen



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and we go through recovery with an experienced eye on rebuilding in a manner that will reduce risk and suffering the next time the storm comes.

Many of us have learned the valuable lesson that in the midst of a disaster opportunity is ripe. Help pours in from all over and fresh ideas are brought to help.

This is the basic layout for the Government Affairs Committee for 2011. There are more questions than answers at this time, but we do know we need a strong army to defend the coasts of America. Count yourself in

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A look back at an unusual year

By **HOWARD MARLOWE**,
Director of Government Affairs

2010 was an especially unusual year from the perspective of federal government affairs. In recent years we have come to expect that appropriations bills will be passed late, if ever, and that the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) will be punted to the following session of Congress. This past year saw this unusual level of activity compounded by the huge political turnover in the House and the aggressive movement to ban “earmarks.” What follows is a recap of some of the highlights of the year and the role that Marlowe & Company played in its capacity as government affairs advisor to the organization.

1. Energy & Water Development Appropriations: In addition to preparing ASBPA’s congressional testimony for the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, we have helped ASBPA compile its third annual listing of federal beach studies and projects, including the amount of funding they need and could actually use for FY2011. This list is used by congressional staffers, ASBPA members, members of the media and others.

• **Overall picture:** As of the time this report is written, it appears Congress will be unable to pass any appropriations

bills. Instead, it will likely pass what is known as a “Continuing Resolution” (or CR) to give the president total authority to spend funds with budget levels that are generally equivalent to those that prevailed in FY2010. For the Corps of Engineers, the House has already mandated an additional reduction of almost \$200 million in General Construction funds. The Corps will decide



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which studies and projects get these funds and then get its list approved by the White House Office of Management and Budget.

Prior to the collapse of the congressional appropriations process, it looked like FY2011 might be a better year for beaches. The House version of the Energy & Water Appropriations Bill had \$78 million for beaches, and the Senate bill had \$114 million. Both of these funding levels were higher than the previous year, and both were substantially above the president’s proposed \$54 million. However, the total amount actually needed for FY2011 also rose to \$411 million. Because of the nearly complete discretion given to federal agencies under the CR and the lack of transparency that

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surrounds how the Administration decides which communities get their projects funded, it may not be possible to get an accurate figure for beach-related spending for FY’2011. ASBPA members concerned about their project’s funding will need to lobby the Corps for FY2011 funds rather than Congress.

• **Crystal ball:** Given the commitment of the House Republican leadership to cut FY2012 appropriations to a level below FY2010, the Corps may face a budget cut of 10 percent or more. However, whether this occurs and how it falls on different types of projects will have to wait until early February to find out.

2. Additional Issues: In addition to working to get as much funding as possible for all Corps civil works programs, ASBPA was a strong proponent for programs to provide useful data regarding coastal erosion and the impact of sea level rise on the coast. ASBPA has also worked to obtain funding for the National Shoreline Management Study, the Regional Sediment Management Research Program, the Shore Protection Systems Program, as well as securing travel money for the Corps’ Coastal Planning Center of Expertise (PCX). ASBPA also had a major role in advocating on the following issues:

• **Principles and Guide-**

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Washington

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lines: In response to the White House Council on Environmental Quality's proposal to revise the Principles & Guidelines for water resources planning, ASBPA submitted thoughtful and comprehensive comments on the proposal that was also presented at a public hearing. A National Academies of Science review of this proposal was released toward the end of 2010. It came to the same conclusion as ASBPA: The proposed revision was so poorly conceived that it should go back to the drawing board.

• **Storm damage relief:**

For beach nourishment projects constructed with federal funds, funds to repair beaches eroded by storms comes from the Corps, not FEMA. ASBPA worked for more than six months to get the administration and Congress to provide well over \$20 million in funding to return damaged beaches to their pre-storm conditions.

• **Earmarks:** The Republican Caucus' decision to ban earmarks has been a much discussed development of the 2010 midterm elections.

At first glance, a Congressional ban on "earmarks" poses a serious threat to ASBPA funding priorities because it precludes legislators from mentioning specific projects in bills. However, there are reasons for hope. Primarily, the often cited "ban" on earmarks has proven too broad

a definition for many Republicans and several are already paring down expectations by mentioning possible exceptions to this ban. ASBPA is leading an outreach effort to educate new Members of Congress about the differences between "pork" and legitimate spending by noting the rigorous vetting process used by the Corps. In addition, Congressional Democrats have not banned earmarking, and many expect them to do their part in "carrying the burden" for their Republican counterparts.

• **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA):** All that need be said is that no action was taken on this bill in 2010. We have heard from the Senate EPW committee that Chairman Boxer will make WRDA a top priority early in 2011. However, in our unpredictable partisan climate, such a bill is far from guaranteed until 2012. WRDA is the legislation that authorizes Corps studies and construction projects. An authorization is, in essence, a pass to seek funding from the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

• **Coalitions:** Marlowe & Company has led the ASBPA outreach effort by working with

the Water Resources Coalition to raise the level of importance that Congress and the nation place on water resources as a whole. As part of this type of effort, we have been forging working relationships with the Coastal States Organization, the American Public Works Association, the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Agencies, the American Association of Port Authorities, and others.

Our work as the organization's government affairs consultant is overseen by a committee chaired by ASBPA's First Vice President, Tony Pratt. That committee meets monthly via a telephone conference call. In 2010, ASBPA's Executive Committee also played a significant role in overseeing the organization's activities in Washington.

2011 will be a year of many significant challenges in Washington, DC, but there will also be many equally significant opportunities. ASBPA's first salvo will be fired at the Coastal Summit in March. We urge every ASBPA member to show their solidarity for the Nation's coasts by attending the conference and taking the opportunity to visit with their elected officials. ❖



A year of website innovations

By **BETH SCIAUDONE, Ph.D.,**
Webmaster

The ASBPA website continues to be a source of up-to-date information for members of the organization and the public. The big news for 2010 was the launch of our new mobile website, just in time for the National Coastal Conference in October. All the essential conference information — including abstracts and bios for each session — was at hand on the mobile site. A mobile-accessible map showed the way to local restaurants and links to local weather and hotel information were also provided. Our Facebook and Twitter feeds also provided up-to-the-minute information for attendees.

In 2010, we also added a RSS feed for the ASBPA website. An RSS feed allows us to notify subscribers when we update the site or add news stories. The RSS feed notifies you of the updates and you don't have to keep checking the ASBPA site!

Our social media user group continues to grow with 256 Facebook fans and 75 Twitter followers keeping up with ASBPA in this way. If you use social media we would love to have you as a fan or a follower. You can also use Facebook and Twitter to give us feedback or update us on your local beach happenings!

The updated contents of

Shore & Beach as well as an image of the current issue are also posted. In 2010, we also began adding the abstracts of the current issue's papers. This can give you a preview of what is to come in the issue! We are also maintaining a searchable online table of all contents of *Shore & Beach*, with keywords. This is an excellent resource for finding references.

Updated information on our coastal summit and fall conference is also constantly updated on our website. Sponsor links for both conferences continue to be featured. A virtual summit and

Storm

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and help us battle the storm. Our motto going forward should be; defense begins at home. ASBPA is dedicated to defending the shores of America against physical forces that erode it. I, for one, am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of 2011 and the new Congress. And I look forward to the end of the storm.

The current budget disaster at all levels of government is a perfect storm, with a potential to wreak havoc on our coasts, as well as on most government services. We are in the midst of the storm still, but we must look at opportunities and a better way forward, even as we are in the storm. This is the vision the ASB-

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virtual conference including most presentations are being made available to attendees. For a short time, the 2010 Virtual Summit is open to the public. It is hoped that this may encourage attendance at the 2011 Summit.

For the next year, we will be focusing on adding a student section to the site, including funding opportunities for students, and finalizing the permanent mobile website. We anticipate increasing our presence on social networking sites. Thanks to all of you for using our online resources — we welcome your feedback. Have a wonderful 2011!

PA Government Affairs Committee is utilizing as we enter into 2011 and a new Congress.

We know there will be change and we know there will be a tough battle to keep even the level of funding of the past few years in future budgets as debt is reduced. If we are to be successful, we need as much help as we can get. That means the Government Affairs Committee needs you. Tell us what you think. How can we weather the storm and be stronger on the other end? Who else should we join in with to strengthen our numbers? Who are our champions in the Administration and in Congress? Is there a better way to fund beach management? ❖



America's Coast: A Call to Action

March 1-3, 2011

Location: ASAE Marriott Learning Complex, Ronald Reagan Building
and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC

Program* — March 1 —

8 a.m.- noon	ASBPA Board of Directors' Meeting Breakfast for board members only
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Conference registration
1:00-1:45 p.m.	The new normal: Overview of federal status and issues — what's new, what's in play now? A roundtable of EC members led by ASBPA President Harry Simmons and Tony Pratt, Chair of ASBPA's Government Affairs Committee
1:45-3:15 p.m.	Agencies panel , addressing four major questions with time for Q&A: Tentative list: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corps: Major General Todd Semonite (invited);• National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;• National Park Service;• Environmental Protection Agency;• Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement;• Federal Emergency Management Agency: Sandra Knight (invited);• U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
3:15-3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45- 5:00 p.m.	Lobbying 101 — What you need to know to go to the Hill: Cameron Perry, ASBPA Director, and Daniel Sheehan, Marlowe & Co. Developing your message — how to boil it down and get it out: Daniel Sheehan, Marlowe & Co. The appropriations process and Hill culture: Tom Richardson, ASBPA Director, and Michael Willis, Marlowe & Co. Participant discussion on message, policy and lobbying
5:00-5:20 p.m.	Being passionate about shore protection projects: Bill Hanson, ASBPA Director
5:30 pm.	Informal networking

— March 2 —

Advocacy all day

Activities below are optional for those not in advocacy meetings

Dialog with Corps Headquarters: Small-group morning visit to Corps headquarters
(limited to 30, must be pre-registered) to meet with senior representatives.

8:45 -9:00 a.m.	Arrive at Corps headquarters (441 G Street NW)
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Coffee and meet with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Deputy Commander Temple, Deputy Director for Civil Works, Major General Grisoli, and with USACE Civil Works senior leadership.
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Opening remarks by Major General Grisoli (moderator Joan Pope)
9:45-10:15 a.m.	Presentation/Q&A regarding Fiscal Year 2012 budget: Gary Loew
10:15-10:45 a.m.	Presentation/Q&A regarding USACE planning and policy issues: Tab Brown
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Presentation/Q&A regarding coastal storm damage (risk) reduction business line: Alex Dornstauder (invited)
11:30-noon	Presentation/Q&A on navigation and regulatory programs: Mike Ensch
Noon-12:15	Closing thoughts and comments: Harry Simmons, ASBPA President
Noon-5:00 p.m.	Advocacy meetings on the Hill Field trip: Congressional Committee meeting led by Phill Roehrs (location and times announced at conference)
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Conference headquarters (ASAE Center) open for gatherings
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Potential meeting for the National Coastal Conference Committee
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Congressional Reception and Awards Ceremony- "A Toast to the Coast!" Reception on Hill (Location TBD) Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Presentation of awards <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coastal Advocate Award• Friends of the Coast• Congressional Staff Award• Corps of Engineers' Award• Friend of the Beaches Media Award• 2010 Best Restored Beaches Awards: Corpus Christi, Texas; Navarre Beach, Florida; Seahurst Park, Washington; Seal Beach, CA

— March 3 —

Location: ASAE & the Center's Marriott Learning Complex

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Continental breakfast and networking
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Hill and Corps recap: Harry Simmons, ASBPA President, and Tony Pratt, Chair of ASBPA Government Affairs
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Partnering with Coastal States Organization: Kristen Fletcher, executive director (invited)
10:00-10:30 a.m.	ASBPA's new initiative — what's being proposed, what's next?: Harry Simmons, Bill Hanson, ASBPA Director and Chair of the Sustainable Funding Task Force

- 10:30-11:00 a.m. **Engaging the media — interviews, editorial boards, crisis response, alternative media, other options:** Kate & Ken Gooderham, Executive Directors, Aram Terchunian, First Coastal
- 11:00-11:30 a.m. **Taking the message back home...how to take the federal experience back to your beach...grassroots organizing:** Cameron Perry, Gary Vegliante, Brad Pickel, John Lee, ASBPA Directors

Adjourn

*Program draft as of Dec. 10, 2010, subject to change.



2011 Coastal Summit Hotel Information

We are again using the Grand Hyatt Washington as our base hotel. It is one subway stop from the Reagan Center. We have a minimal number of rooms, so if you are interested in being in the hotel, we recommend you reserve quickly. There is a very large group in town the same time we are, so hotel space is going to be a challenge. Several hotels were sold out last spring. So, even if you are planning to stay elsewhere, we recommend you book now. Below is information on the rates and reservations.

GUEST ROOM RATES

The Grand Hyatt Washington confirms the following guest room rates:

Single Occupancy: \$ 299

Double Occupancy: \$ 299

Triple Occupancy: \$ 324

Quadruple Occupancy: \$ 349

Grand Club: \$60 additional per room, per night based on availability

Business Plan: \$35 additional per room, per night based on availability

Room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state and local taxes (which are currently 14.5%) or applicable service, or hotel specific fees in effect at the hotel at the time of the meeting.

RESERVATION METHOD

All reservations must be made individually through the hotel's Reservation Department by calling (202) 582-1234, or toll free at (800) 233-1234.



2011 Coastal Summit Call for Awards Nominations

Nominations are now open for the ASBPA Congressional awards, Congressional Staffer award and Corps award, to be presented on March 1-3 at the ASBPA awards reception held during the Coastal Summit, “America’s Coasts: A Call to Action” in Washington, DC, on March 2, 2011.

- Congressional awards include “**Coastal Advocate**” — ASBPA’s highest award,
 - a lifetime achievement award — and “**Friend of the Coast**,” for shorter term
 - or more project-specific contributions. Any ASBPA member may nominate
 - one or more Members of Congress for the awards.
- The **Corps award** honors a member of the Corps of Engineers who contributed to the cause of beach management and preservation. For the most part, these are people from the districts who make projects happen.
- The **Congressional Staffer award** will be given to a single staff member for
 - his or her efforts both to promote beach preservation
 - and to facilitate project requests in the past legislative session.
- The **Agency award** will be given to a single staff member for his or her efforts to promote beach preservation.
- And the **Friend of the Coast Media award** will be given to a media outlet for exceptional coverage of coastal news.

Nominations are due at the ASBPA offices no later than Jan. 7, 2011, and may be e-mailed to awards@asbpa.org. The nominator will need to be in attendance to present the award.

For questions, e-mail us at exdir@asbpa.org.



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Looking for a chance to put your organization's name in front of the top leaders in beach restoration nationwide? Interested in supporting an event focused on lobbying and learning in the heart of our nation's capital? The Coastal Summit 2011, "America's Coast: A Call to Action," on March 1-3 offers a unique opportunity for visibility at a number of sponsorship levels.

To register for a sponsorship, go to http://www.regonline.com/asbpas_coastal_summit_2011_americas_coast_a_call_t

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To allow for printing and processing of directories, notepad holders and badge holders, all logos, ads and payments must be received by Jan. 21, 2011.

A conference celebration

By **TIMOTHY KANA, Ph.D.**,
Conference Chair and
ASBPA Director

The 2010 National Coastal Conference convened in Charleston, South Carolina, Oct. 12-15. With extraordinary weather and a welcome from Major Joe Riley, our 220+ registrants were treated to ASBPA's first-ever meeting in South Carolina. The Marriott on the Ashley River was a wonderful venue.

Our theme this year was "Celebrating the Diversity of the Coast," and few shorelines offer as much interest as the coast around Charleston. Renowned geomorphologist Dr. Miles O. Hayes put the South Carolina coast in context and set the stage for many high-quality sessions ranging from beach nourishment to modeling, tidal inlets to habitat restoration, sea-level rise to the latest in regional sediment management. There were at least 20 states represented along with participants from Canada, Europe, and India — attesting to the interest in the conference.

First, I want to thank our steering committee who made Brad Pickel's and my job so much easier: Pete Seidle, Cameron Perry, Joan Pope, Tiffany Roberts, Todd Roessler, Lee Weishar and, of course, Kate Gooderham and Harry Simmons, who kept us on track all year. I

especially thank last year's chair, Nicole Elko, for her guidance, and Gordon Thompson, next year's conference chair. Gordon prepared the first draft of the program, making it easier to fill in the blanks.

Most of all, I want to thank our 80 presenters and two dozen sponsors and exhibitors who made the conference worth attending. Whether it was a highly technical talk, or a policy paper, or one of our student presentations (which we were delighted to have), speakers came prepared and stayed on time. My regret, which was nearly universal, was that I could not see all the papers that interested me. A mark of a good conference is one that leaves you inspired and wanting more. Well, we all have next year in New Orleans.

Joan Pope, Todd Roessler and special guest Orville Maگون organized the short course — "Sand Resources and Coastal Law" — with more than 20 attending. During the awards' luncheon, Miles Hayes and Professor David Basco were interviewed as this year's "Heroes of the Profession." Ralph Clark received the prestigious M.P. O'Brien Award,

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and two students, Nirimesh Kumar (University of South Carolina) and Katherine Brutsche (University of South Florida) received awards. The Orange County (CA) beach nourishment project received the 2010 Coastal Project Award.

After a full day of presentations including lively panel discussions on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and regional sediment management, attendees were carried into old Charleston for dinner via "Chariots to Charleston." As one with an admitted bias, I found the restaurants of South Carolina's beloved "Low Country" up to the challenge of satisfying our international group. Thanks to many generous sponsors, food and refreshments were available free throughout the conference.

I want to thank Pete Seidle and the ATM and CSE staff for organizing and co-leading our Friday field trip (by bus and catamaran) to the barrier islands of Charleston. We had 35 on board to cap off the week.

Finally, I want to extend a personal thanks to Kate and Ken Gooderham for their extraordi-



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nary organization of our conferences. We are fortunate to have leaders like them working for ASBPA. I know New Orleans next year will be just as special as Charleston, and I hope you (like me) will make plans to attend.

Conference awards:

- **2010 Coastal Scholar:** Alicia Mahon
- **2010 Student Award:** Nirinimesh Kumar and Katherine Brutsche
- **2010 Member of the Year:** Peter Seidle
- **Coastal Project Award:** Orange County, California, Beach Nourishment Project
- **Morrrough P. O'Brien Award:** Ralph Clark

Conference sponsors:

- **Opening reception & games:** Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.
- **Field trip:** Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.
- **“Chariots to Charleston”:** Coastal Science & Engineering
- **Flash drives:** Town of South Padre Island. TX
- **Tote bags:** Applied Technology & Management
- **Notepad holders:** Humiston & Moore Engineers
- **Short Course:** Coastal Zone Foundation
- **Board breakfast:** Coastal Planning & Engineering
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- **Thursday a.m. break:** Marinex

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- **Thursday p.m. break:** Coastal Tech Corp.
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'COASTAL VOICE'

Coastal Voice” is ASBPA’s e-mail newsletter. While *Shore & Beach* is our journal, “Coastal Voice” is our internal communications tool with information on the organization and its activities.

Coastal Voice contributors:

- Harry Simmons
- Howard Marlowe
- Brad Pickel
- Kate Gooderham
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A Summit full of successes

By **TONY PRATT, Vice President for Policy and Coastal Summit Chair**

Summit 2010 kicked off the new decade with great success. We had more “Summiteers” than last year. More importantly, we are becoming more strategic in our sessions, our discussions and our lobbying. While there were many successes, including changing how the Summit was organized and where our meetings were held, we had four main accomplishments:

1. We worked with our first-time Summiteers to make them more productive through sending them pre-Summit materials and a session on “Lobbying 101.” Cameron Perry provided the Summiteer’s perspective and Daniel Sheehan provided the staffer perspective. We also updated our acronym list, a critical resource for first timers.

2. We reached out to federal agencies who are important to us in preserving and protecting the coasts of America. The future of the nation’s shores is not just with the Corps, but with a multi-agency approach. We furthered dialogs with the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce. We will continue to build on those partnerships with next year’s Coastal Summit

3. We began to expand our

lobbying base to include Members of Congress who are not necessarily advocates of coastal resources spending. We engaged them in conversations to promote facts, figures, and data that our membership and our colleagues can provide. This is vital to their understanding of why America’s coasts are a good investment.

4. We brought students into the process. Two graduate student volunteers, Tiffany Roberts and Amy Williams, actively participated. It is how we begin to train the next generation to continue the fight for America’s shoreline.

Thanks to the Summit Committee (Cameron Perry, Tiffany Roberts, Phill Roehrs, Todd Roessler, Marie Robb, Rudi Rudolph and Nicole Elko), the Marlowe & Co. folks (Christina Dunsmore, Daniel Sheehan, Toby Hicks and Howard Marlowe), and Kate and Ken Gooderham.

Summit Awards

- **Friend of the Coast Award:** Representative James Oberstar
- **Friend of the Coast Award:** Representative John Mica
- **Congressional Staff Award:** Olivia Kurtz
- **Congressional Staff Award:** Mark Copeland
- **Corps of Engineers Award:** Don Cresitello
- **Friend of the Coast Media Award:** Guidry News Service

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Summit Sponsors:

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Keeping beaches in the news

In February 2008, we began sending two e-releases a month to more than 600 coastal news outlet on issues pertaining to the coast, written in a concise and accessible style that was both informative and insightful. These media outlets could run them as is (giving us credit, of course) or use them as a jumping-off point for a larger story. We also volunteered to help them with background and experts. In addition, we provided readers with access to our website – www.asbpa.org – where they (and you) can find more information on coastal issues and concerns.

We continue to be amazed at how many of our releases are printed in local coastal newspapers. This is a great way to reach those who care most about our coast and can be valuable supporters.

We maintain these releases on the ASPBA website, so that information is always available. We also include the past month's two releases in "Coastal Voice," so they are convenient to our members. Below is our list of topics for 2010. We are always looking

for subject and author ideas.

Jan. 12 — The beach as a habitat

Jan. 26 — Handling the hazards of coastal megacities

Feb. 9 — The winter beach: America's shorelines stay active despite the weather

Feb. 23 — The winter beach: Why no news is good news

March 9 — A whale of garbage litters America's beaches

March 23 — A better budget for beaches...but more money is still needed

April 13 — The beachonomics quiz

April 27 — What do we have to lose if we don't have beaches?

May 11 — Federal investment in beach restoration projects nets more beach access for all

May 25 — States write their own policies for beach access

June 8 — Oil and water: Spills and the shoreline, part 1

June 22 — Oil and water: Spills and the shoreline, part 2

July 13 — The beach and the bench: The Supreme Court decision

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July 27 — Oil in your beach, but not on it

Aug. 10 — Will end of El Niño mean a stormier season?

Aug. 24 — Beaches a buffer between you and storm's waves

Sept. 14 — What makes a great beach great?

Sept. 28 — Does your candidate support beaches?

Oct. 12 — How to have better beaches and better surfing

Oct. 26 — Watching out for turtles

Nov. 9 — Conferences really pay, not play

Nov. 23 — What is a science-based organization?

Dec. 14 — In defense of earmarks?

Dec. 28 — Research essential to sustainable coastal living

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Meet ASBPA's leadership team

There are organizations out there where officers and directors have little responsibility. ASBPA is not one of them. ASBPA is primarily a volunteer organization. We have officers and directors who are dedicated. They chair committees, they travel across the country for meetings. They participate in phone calls, write *Shore & Beach* articles, work on white papers, put together conferences and lead us into the future. These officers and directors are passionate about the coast. Despite unbelievable work schedules, they find time to include ASBPA. They know that, although ASBPA is not officially part of their job description, without it their job would be more difficult.

They also know that while we like to think each region is different, the coast is critical to the entire country. We need to understand all regions to better fight for what the coasts need whether it is more research or more funds to care for the coast. They know they are each other's best resources.

ASBPA is blessed to have outstanding officers, directors and advisory committee. Our thanks to all their work in 2010.

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Helping you to help ASBPA

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What do executive directors do? Although it varies from organization to organization, we believe executive directors have two primary functions: to implement the decisions of the board and to be the coordinator for the organization.

Although we provide ideas to the board, they are elected to be the members' representatives. In some organizations, the executive directors forget that and want to implement their own agenda. That doesn't mean we don't have ideas of our own. We do, and we share them. But it is up to the board to make the decisions.

ASBPA has always been a strong volunteer organization. Even today, with more staff than ever, much of ASBPA's work is still done by committees.

Aside from the obvious benefit of allowing ASBPA to do more with its limited funds, committees provide great thinking and engage people with real-world experience in the practical tasks of advancing the association's efforts. The benefits accrue to both the organization and to the members of the committees.

ASBPA has more than

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a dozen committees and task forces. They tackle governance (e.g. Bylaws) and mission (e.g. Governmental Affairs), events (e.g. Summit and Conference) and communications (e.g. *Shore & Beach* and "Coastal Voice"). They look into crucial issues (e.g. Science & Technology) and new opportunities (e.g. Website).

Part of our function is to coordinate those committees. For example, regional sediment management is an important issue to the Science & Technology Committee.

It is also an important issue to the *Shore & Beach* editorial board and the National Coastal Conference chairs. We work to be sure what is discussed in one is shared with the other so that, together, they can share information and define their efforts to a stronger result.

It has been a great experience serving as ASBPA executive directors over the past seven years. We have gotten to be a part of the organization growing stronger and more effective. We have had the joy of working with some outstanding people, and we look forward to continuing to assist you in implementing your vision for America's coast. ❖

CONFERENCES

■ **Feb. 9-11, 2011:** National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL. Details at www.fsbpa.com.

■ **March 1-3, 2011:** ASBPA Coastal Summit, Reagan Center, Washington, DC. Details at www.asbpa.org.

■ **May 2-6, 2011:** Coastal Sediments 2011, "Bringing Together Theory and Practice," at the Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, FL. Details at <http://coastal-sediments.cas.usf>.

■ **Sept. 14-16, 2011:** FSBPA Annual Meeting, Eden Roc Renaissance Miami Beach, Miami Beach, FL.

■ **Oct. 18-21, 2011:** ASBPA National Coastal Conference, New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, LA. ❖

