

**TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH
PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

Minutes

Meeting Date: February 4, 2008

Meeting Location: Haynes Coastal Engineering Laboratory, College Station, Texas

- Meeting called to order by Jerry Mohn at approximately 12:40.
- Dr. Billy Edge with Texas A&M University provided welcoming remarks
- Meeting minutes from October 24, 2007 meeting were approved
- Report of Treasurer (Larry Wise)
 - ⇒ Current account balance is \$1,200.
 - ⇒ An expense of \$1,400 was incurred through purchase of “Texas Chapter” notepads to distribute at the upcoming ASBPA Coastal Summit in Washington D.C.
- Report of Technical Committee (Brett Geesey)
 - ⇒ Although no meetings have been held since the ASBPA conference last fall, a conference call will be scheduled within the next month or so.
 - ⇒ Dr. Patrick Lynett with Texas A&M provided a brief presentation on Boussinesq wave modeling.
 - ⇒ Amy Williams (Ph.D. candidate at Texas A&M) announced a dune restoration clinic to be held at the Galveston Island State Park on March 22 from 10:00 to noon. She is soliciting participants and volunteers to hand out fliers. She also requested voluntary participation for industry lectures on beach nourishment (w/primary focus on regulations and policy) on April 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Galveston for a student project. Her email address is oceanwave7171@gmail.com.
- Report of Coastal Beach Maintenance Committee (Tom Linton)
 - ⇒ The committee is developing a survey to solicit ideas and seek support for a beach cleaning initiative. In particular, the initiative will pursue increased/dedicated funding from the state to support education and methods for sargassum maintenance and cleaning up litter.
 - ⇒ Dave Parsons provided a presentation and handout on the City of Port Aransas’ beach cleaning/maintenance policy. Port Aransas spends up to \$800,000 per year on beach cleaning, funded primarily through a hotel/motel bed tax. Approximately 10% of this is funded by the TGLO.

- Education/Communication Committee (Larry Wise and Rob Kite)
 - ⇒ Committee is seeking a volunteer to create new Web page for Texas Chapter.
 - ⇒ Rob described the Chapter's quarterly newsletter. Four issues have been published (electronically) to date. Rob requested contributing articles from interested parties.
- Legislative Committee (John Lee and Sidney McClendon)
 - ⇒ John described a resolution drafted to submit to the federal legislature seeking their support on federal funding of projects in Texas. The resolution can be applied as a template for local entities in Texas.
 - ⇒ John also announced that the Chapter has one free registration to the ASBPA Coastal Summit available to anyone interested in attending (as a guest of the Texas Chapter).
 - ⇒ Sidney announced that State Senator Kyle Janek will retire in June. The Chapter passed a resolution to formally thank Kyle for his strong support and advocacy of coastal issues in Texas.
- Membership Committee
 - ⇒ Jerry Mohn announced that the Chapter has ten corporate sponsors and has a goal for five more in 2008. Sponsorships cost \$500/yr.
- GLO Report (Lorrie Council)
 - ⇒ The Texas draft plan for CIAP has been submitted to MMS and is under review. Funds may not be available until the end of this year. Regarding CIAP FY08, the GLO expects in late Spring 2008 to issue a request for project nomination forms. There will be coastal outreach meetings before then to provide information and generate interest. Most of this will be noticed on the GLO's CIAP web page as well as other more active forms of communications (e.g., discussions with the local County CIAP Coordinators).
 - ⇒ GLO is still pushing through contracts for CEPRA Cycle 5. Lorrie discussed a number of interested projects that will be undertaken.
- Coastal Cities Report
 - ⇒ Dave Parsons briefly described status of Port Aransas and Corpus Christi applications for USACE permits for beach maintenance.
- New articles of incorporation for Chapter bylaws were reviewed and accepted. Overall changes reflected desire to have bylaws retrofitted to current practices of the Chapter. The next quarterly meeting will serve as the "Annual Meeting" during which board members and officers will be selected. Jerry Mohn is soliciting members for a nominating committee.

- Next meeting location and date is to be determined.
- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45.