Meeting Date: January 20, 2005
Meeting Location: Carbide Park, La Marque, Texas

- 2:15 p.m. – Meeting called to order by Jerry Mohn

- The model bylaws were discussed. Numerous format and content changes were discussed and accepted. A copy is attached hereto.

- Directors’ and officers’ liability insurance was discussed. The members present agreed that the officers and directors of the organization should be indemnified to the extent permitted by law as limited by the proceeds of the organization’s liability insurance. An indemnification clause was included under Article 13, Section 1, copy attached hereto.

- A discussion was held regarding whether employees of professional organizations should be allowed to serve on the board of directors. Members present agreed that professionals could serve as long as no conflicts of interest exist. It was decided that only one person per professional organization should serve at any particular time. Sidney McClendon agreed to develop legal language for addition to the chapter bylaws concerning this issue.

- It was decided that the total number of members of the board of directors should be 18 (12 from each of the coastal counties, plus 6 at large). A “coastal county” was defined as one that borders the Gulf of Mexico. Counties in the coastal area (not bordering the Gulf of Mexico) may be added at the discretion of the board. A near-term goal is to recruit these directors.

- It was decided that there be the following nine officer positions: President, Executive Vice President, Region 1 Vice President, Region 2 Vice President, Region 3 Vice President, Region 4 Vice President, Region 5 Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The five regional vice presidents will represent geographic areas that coincide with the Coastal 2020 regions. These officers will be elected by the board of directors.

- The interim officers were elected as follows: Jerry Mohn (President), John Lee (Vice President), Kelly Hamby (Vice President), Dan Heilman (Secretary), and Larry Wise (Treasurer). These officers will serve until successors are elected.

- A budget will be adopted once fundraising has commenced. In the interim, the organization will consider requesting a loan of $1,000 from ASBPA and establishment of a regional bank account.
The Texas Shore & Beach Association formed in 1998 remains a viable organization. Their president is John Johnson (Jefferson County). Efforts to merge TSBA with the Texas Chapter of ASBPA will continue.

Kurt Evans with Parishes Against Coastal Erosion (PACE) from Louisiana gave a presentation. PACE is primarily a lobbying organization that has strong representation by parish judges and commissioners with ties at the federal level. Unlike Texas, they have not encountered opposition from inland parishes, which they attribute to their effective marketing of the coast as a significant economic asset to the entire state. They have no affiliation or ties to ASBPA. They would like to collaborate with other gulf states, especially Texas. PACE has offered to bring Senator Landrieu and other legislators to Galveston or Brazoria County to meet with Texas legislators and encourage them to combine forces. They also envision a multi-state conference to be held in New Orleans in an effort to campaign for federal funds.

Cameron Perry will be attending the FSBPA conference in Destin, Florida in February. He will report back on any information that may be of interest to the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.