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Save the dates:

- ✓ **ASBPA's 2021 Coastal Summit: March 23-25, online. Registration is open, program online!**
- ✓ **ASBPA's 2021 National Coastal Conference: Sept. 28-Oct. 1. In-person and in New Orleans, Louisiana**

Virtual Coastal Summit March 23-25:

Join ASBPA 'wading into new waters'

By **JACK KOBAN**
2021 Coastal Summit Co-Chair

Happy (*très froid*) Mardi Gras from Louisiana! As I hunker down with a slice of King Cake through the worst Ice Storm in decades, enduring temperatures in the 'teens here in the typically balmy, subtropical climate of Southern Louisiana, I find myself reflecting on how, despite many immense challenges, the state has managed to creatively deliver a memorable version of our most notable tradition: Mardi Gras. Although a pandemic followed by a historic winter storm punctuated by thunder sleet — yes, thunder sleet! — ensured that our iconic parades will not roll, we know that *Les Bons Temps* most certainly always will.



I'm sure you're asking: "What does any of this have to do with the upcoming Coastal Summit?" Just as Louisiana has adjusted to significant challenges, so has the Coastal Summit.

COVID has undoubtedly challenged us all, but with these challenges comes opportunity. Namely, the opportunity to join a group of coastal policy makers, practitioners, and scientists from across the country to hear from and interact with a cast of world-class speakers. For many who may have otherwise seen

the time and expense of travel to be cost-prohibitive, there is now the opportunity to attend thanks to the virtual format. Also, with the Summit being held virtually, there is the convenience of recorded presentations to watch "on-demand" creating greater flexibility for those who may have unavoidable conflicts or other demands of their time.



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As suggested by our 2021 Summit theme, "Wading into New Waters," we find ourselves at a political inflection point as we transition between administrations.

With that in mind, we are striving to deliver a program that will balance presentations and interactive sessions, and feature speakers from BOEM, NOAA, USACE, state and regional coastal leaders, and even a coastal representative from the White House.

We hope to provide valuable insight into the direction the new administration will take on coastal issues, how their approach may impact coastal economies, ecologies, and communities, and ultimately provide attendees the ability to adjust to changes that may impact their respective efforts to preserve their own American Shores and Beaches.

We look forward to you joining us at the Coastal Summit. Register here (<https://asbpa.org/conferences/>) and we'll see you in March. ❖

Wading Into New Waters



'Capitol Beach' podcast looks at ASBPA-CSO joint coastal policies

Join Derek Brockbank and the Capitol Beach Podcast for a five-part series exploring the ASBPA and Coastal States Organization's (CSO) new "Joint Policy." The U.S. coasts face unprecedented challenges including rising sea and lake levels, increasing storm intensity, coastal erosion, and lack of available sediment. The Coastal Zone Management Act provides an important framework for federal-state collaboration to address these issues;



however, increased investments by Congress, federal agencies, and states are needed to tackle

these issues. Coastal managers need funding, robust science, and effective national policies and technical assistance for sediment management, permitting, and shoreline development to balance the multiple uses and values of our coastal resources, while ensuring those values are maintained or improved for future generations.

The series is released on Saturdays beginning mid-February through March with Derek and guests Tony Pratt, ASBPA President, and Rachel Keylon, CSO Federal Affairs Director, breaking down the five major policy objectives of the Joint Policy, taking one on each week. Subscribe to the American Shoreline Podcast Network wherever you get your podcasts. ❖

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- Online sponsorships at Asbpa.org/conferences/2021-summit-sponsors

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— SCHEDULE —

Tuesday, March 23, 12:15-5 p.m. (Eastern)
Wednesday, March 24, 1-5 p.m. (Eastern)
Thursday, March 25, 1-5 p.m. (Eastern)
Advocacy meetings with federal agencies: March 22-26

Certified Coastal Practitioner™ Short Courses:
 Tuesday April 6, noon-4 p.m. (Eastern) — **Government Affairs** module
 Wednesday, April 7, noon-4 p.m. (Eastern) — **Communications** module

— FIND OUT MORE —

Send an email to managing@asbpa.org
 Online: www.asbpa.org

Registration fees before March 15:

\$250/member ■ \$370/nonmember

	ASBPA member	Non-ASBPA member*	Student member	Student non-member*
Until midnight March 15	\$250	\$370	\$75	\$100
March 16	\$300	\$420	\$75	\$100
Short Course	\$100	\$100	\$75	\$75

Send checks or government purchase orders to
 ASBPA, 11940 Palba Way #5102, Fort Myers, FL 33912.
 To be officially registered, payments must be received by March 17, 2021.
 Deadlines: Cancellation with refund: **March 17, 2021** (\$50 cancellation fee)
 * Registration fee includes 2021 ASBPA membership.

Sponsorships are available...full details at www.asbpa.org



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Think your beach is the best? 2021 Best Restored Beaches nominations due April 30

ASBPA is seeking nominations for the Best Restored Beaches Award to recognize beach renourishment projects. This award honors the Best Restored Beaches in America annually to help build awareness of the value of America's restored beaches. The award-winning projects on America's open shoreline and on the Great Lakes' shorelines could include:

- Beach and shoreline renourishment project on open coastlines
- Dune restoration and dune building projects
- Coastal resiliency projects with a sandy beach or dune component
- Inlet management and regional sediment management (RSM) projects including beach placement
- Beach and shoreline projects on open coastlines with structures that enhance the performance of beach renourishment projects

The intensity of the storms that have been hammering our coasts have been increasing. It has been proven that high dunes and wide beaches are the best defenses to minimize the impacts of erosion and flooding from severe storms.

"Many seasonal or new residents of beach communities do not realize that their beach was built and has been maintained over the years. It is important that everyone realize the time and effort that is required to maintain this critical resource" says ASBPA President Tony Pratt.

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 2021 Best Restored Beaches Award.

The committee will evaluate the nomination based on your responses to these questions. Please feel free to expand on or describe in more depth what efforts were required.

To meet submission deadlines,

all nominations must be sent electronically to bestrestoredbeach@asbpa.org by April 30, 2021. Go to <http://asbpa.org/about-us/awards-program/> to submit your nomination. A nomination checklist is available

at www.asbpa.org. We encourage all applicants to use this form to make sure their application is complete.

Please include beach nourishment data for your current project, and historic beach nourishments, to include volume (cubic yards), cost, and length of shoreline restored. Your project will be added to our online geodatabase: <https://gim2.aptim.com/ASBPANationwideRenourishment/>

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 2022 ASBPA Coastal Summit in Washington, DC, or participate in the virtual Coastal Summit in order to accept the award.

All materials submitted will become property of ASBPA and will not be returned. Upon written request, a nomination from 2020 that was not chosen can be carried over to 2022. ❖



Communications, government operations short courses on tap

The Coastal Zone Foundation (CZF) is offering two, half-day virtual short courses in conjunction with the ASBPA Coastal Summit. <https://asbpa.org/conferences/>.



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On Tuesday, April 6, "Government Operations" will be led by Aram Terchunian, First Coastal, from noon to 4:00 p.m. This introductory course will present basic concepts in government operations, and will review the structure of federal and state government and how they work, including how authorities are granted, the federal budget process, and basic regulatory programs. The local and federal government structure and the budgeting process will also be discussed. Additionally, the module will present the best way to effectively communicate your message to elected officials so you can advance your project through the bureaucratic maze.

On Wednesday, April 7, "Communication" will be led by Shannon Cunniff, Shannon Cunniff Consulting, and Niki Mann, Florida Gulf Coast University, from noon to 4:00 p.m. This introductory course will present the basic concepts of effective communication and collaboration providing participants an understanding of com-

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ASBPA National Coastal Conference:

Call for 2021 abstracts due May 1

The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), in cooperation with the Coastal Zone Foundation, announces the Call for Abstracts for its 2021 National Coastal Conference, Sept. 28-Oct. 1 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans, LA. We are excited to be back in New Orleans AND in person!

ASBPA is the nation's first organization to promote science-based policies for the preservation of coastal areas. The theme of the 2021 conference, "Geaux Resilient," continues to broaden our focus across the entire physical coastal and estuarine system. The National Coastal Conference provides an opportunity for coastal stakeholders and managers to develop collaborative networks to promote best management practices, while learning the latest science, engineering, and policy needed to maintain and improve the health of our beachfront and estuarine shorelines and ecosystems.

Technical, policy-oriented, and coastal floodplain resource and flood risk management presentations or posters are invited for a broad range of coastal & estuarine ecology, science, engineering, economics, and policy. Specific topics include, but are not limited to:

- Beach restoration and management
- Coastal design concepts and proj-

- ects
- Green/grey infrastructure and living shorelines
- Regional comprehensive coastal studies
- Lessons learned from storms and extreme events
- Coastal & estuarine modeling
- Coastal hazard mapping & analysis tools
- Sea level rise guidance, planning, and policy
- Lagoon, wetland, marsh, and estuary restoration
- Regional sediment management
- Economics of coastal resources



- Federal, state, and local coastal policy, regulatory and legal issues
- Sand source availability and sand rights
- Coastal infrastructure management
- Resiliency and adaptation policy
- "Nuisance flooding" and urban flooding challenges
- Lessons and issues in coastal communication and outreach

Presentations may be PowerPoint or poster format. Abstracts (up to 500 words) are due by May 1, 2021. Submit abstracts via the online form by visiting our Future Meetings page at <https://asbpa.org/conferences/future-meetings/>.

Presenters are responsible for their expenses including travel, lodging, and registration fees. Notification of presentation status will occur by June 18, 2021. ❖



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munication goals, stakeholders and audiences, delivery and tools. It also provides hands-on examples of how to effectively communicate with a variety of media, peers, and government agencies. A highly interactive session, this will feature problem-solving drawing on participants' own experiences.

These courses are intended for coastal practitioners, professionals, consultants and representatives from government agencies and nongovernmental organizations. New professionals and students are encouraged to attend. The short course topics are modules that are offered in partial completion of the Certified Coastal Practitioner™ (CCP) program. The complete program consists of 10 modules offering a broad, multidisciplinary platform of knowledge for current and prospective coastal professionals and providing an introductory look at the various areas of coastal expertise that are crucial to successful and sound coastal management.

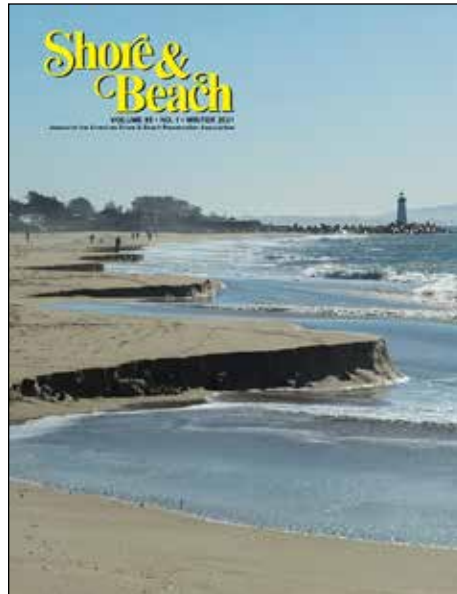
Please email coastalzonefoundation@gmail.com if you are unable to attend the ASBPA Coastal Summit and would like to register for one of the short courses. ❖

ASBPA's annual photo contest welcomes entries

The editors of *Shore & Beach* announce the ASBPA's 14th annual photography competition! The contest highlights the beauty and natural wonders of America's magnificent coasts as part of celebrating more than 85 years of continuous publication of *Shore & Beach*.

Any photographs depicting the coastal zone including, but not limited to, beaches, bluffs, marinas, wetlands, marine life, recreational facilities, and engineered projects as long as they include the setting in which they were built. Winning photographs may be used as cover art on *Shore & Beach*. Photographs must have been taken since January 1, 2021. Photographs can be full-color, black and white, sepia, or colorized in one of the following categories: U.S. East Coast; U.S. Gulf of Mexico Coast; Caribbean (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands); U.S. Pacific Coast and Alaska; U.S. Great Lakes; and Pacific

Each participant may submit up to three (3) photographs total and include name, address, occupation, business affiliation, photo titles, date



taken and category. Photographers may submit all entries in a single category or select different categories, as long as the total does not exceed three photographs.

Participants are to send electronic files in JPEG, TIFF or BMP format to contest@ASBPA.org. VERTICAL-format photographs are highly preferred. Horizontal photographs can be submitted, but if chosen as a cover shot are subject to editing at the discretion of *Shore & Beach*.

Deadline for submitting entries is 11:59 p.m. ET on October 1, 2021.

Winner in each category will

have their name and photograph printed in either *Shore & Beach* or the "Coastal Voice" e-newsletter, or both.

A Grand Prize will have their photograph printed on the cover of *Shore & Beach* and receive a one-year annual membership renewal to ASBPA.

The competition is open to all (except ASBPA staff and immediate family members). ❖



Blue Flag national jury welcomed

By ANNIE MERCER
ASBPA Program Coordinator

The Blue Flag eco-award is a program provided by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) for beaches, marinas, and tour boat operators interested in promoting sustainable management practices. Beaches must comply with 33 criteria annually in the areas of environmental education, water quality, environmental management, and safety and services. The annual review is done at the national and international level by juries to ensure national regulations and international criteria are upheld.

Current representatives of the U.S. national jury met for a welcome meeting in February to introduce the organizations to the purpose and responsibilities of national jury members. We will continue to solicit national jury representatives from recommended organizations throughout the year and announce the inaugural national jury at the National Coastal Conference in New Orleans.

For more information on the Blue Flag program, join us for the "Blue Flag and Bubbly" Happy Hour during the Coastal Summit! Check out the Blue Flag web page under get involved: <https://asbpa.org/get-involved/blue-flag-pilot-program/> and if you would like to participate email annie.mercer@asbpa.org. ❖

SNP Chapter:

Recognizing and promoting students and young professionals in coastal engineering

By **BIANCA CHARBONNEAU**, USACE ERDC post-doctoral fellow; **YASHAR RAFATI**, University of Delaware graduate student; and **MARO PONTIKI**, Social Chair of SNP Chapter and University of Delaware graduate student

Bianca Charbonneau: The Dune Goon

My name is Bianca Charbonneau, and I am a post-doctoral fellow with USACE ERDC EL's Integrative Ecological Modeling Team. I defended my dissertation in August 2019 and started my position November 2019, largely working on a new ecogeomorphological dune model, DOONIES, centered on plants!

In October 2015, ASBPA organized and held its Dune Management Challenges on Developed Coasts Workshop in Kitty Hawk, NC. I was just starting the second year of my Ph.D. program at the University of Pennsylvania and was lucky enough to attend! The second year was when I solidified the research plans that my world would revolve around in the preceding 3-4 years.

Prior to that workshop, I do not think that I had ever been in a space where everyone was so passionate and knowledgeable about the same topic, our coasts. I came away from each session inspired and with a handful of half-baked ideas.

At the meeting's end, a funding opportunity was announced. I remember having a lightning-bolt idea and chasing Dr. Nicole Elko down the hotel hall excitedly. I had been obsessed with the idea of testing how plant shape and density affect dune morphology at the onset of dune development, thinking the relationships, if any existed, at

this most basic level could carry over through dune development. However, I could not find a big enough wind tunnel.

My lightning-bolt idea was to build the wind tunnel that I needed. I am sure that there was some crazy in my eyes as I excitedly told Nicole the idea, but months later I was a recipient of funding from USCRP, USGS and USACE.

Building, organizing, and then conducting research at the wind tunnel ultimately became a real labor of love and a complete group effort. I quickly realized that my initial proposed methods for quantifying topography, with rulers and pins, were insufficient. I needed high precision in all dimensions, but had not budgeted for it.

As a result, I turned to the community and local and national companies asking if they would donate or provide resources at a reduced cost. The initial partnership list thus grew from six to 20 and the outpouring and generosity was incredible. I ultimately was able to garner donations



Bianca Charbonneau

of \$16,000 in equipment, consulting, and engineering resources. This even allowed me to get a 3D scanner, which was critical.

Also, these donations do not include the cost of space donated by the NJ Ocean County School District, time and materials for electrical work, or 40+ tons of sand donated by Island Beach State Park, NJ. People also gave of their time, logging over 200 volunteer research hours towards the National Honor Society for involved high school students and involving eight institutions.

The wind tunnel is now an unofficial ERDC Lab that is still operational and available to drive more research today (TheWindTunnel.weebly.com).

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Some of the many students who participated in Charbonneau's project in return for volunteer research hours.

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Please reach out if you have a use for it! We currently have two high school students conducting erosion experiments, and graduate students from Texas A&M and Virginia Institute of Technology have used it to support dissertation research. I'm very proud of the outpouring of the community and the opportunities that ASBPA has created and continues to create for students, which I was lucky to benefit from.

Now, three years after this body of research was completed, I am proud to announce that the research has been published in the journal *Geomorphology*! We hope the manuscript will inspire additional interdisciplinary, inspired ideas!

I do not want to spoil the read, so all that I will say is that we found overarching relationships holding true across density and configuration treatments regarding how plant morphology impacted the topography it created — plants matter! You can find out more about the science in the manuscript itself, but in reading it, you will only get glimmers of the back-story that made this and additional research possible.

Thank you to everyone involved! Partners: ERDC, USGS, ASBPA, Ocean County NJ, NJ FWS, Ocean County School Board — OCVTS, MATES, NJDEP, Handy Man Pros NJ, AJ's Jeeps, One Ton Bag LLC, Motion Industries, Air Systems Engineering, Inc., SICK, Coastal Transplants, Moxley Electronics, Pineland's Nursery, American Littoral Society, Save Barnegat Bay, EMCO Industrial Plastics Inc.

Yashar Rafati: All About sand — from field work to modeling

I am a Ph.D. Candidate at the Center for Applied Coastal Research at the University of Delaware. Since



Yashar Rafati

I was a child, I was very interested in problem-solving which led me through an interest in physics and mathematics in high school. Following this interest, I got a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Marine Structures. During my masters, I had some courses related to coastal processes which made me more interested in the nearshore wave-induced processes. Therefore, I applied for the Coastal Engineering Program at the University of Delaware and started my Ph.D. in Coastal Engineering in 2016.

My Ph.D. research has been focused on multi-scale modeling of the nearshore hydrodynamics and sediment transport. I have been working with high-resolution OpenFOAM and discrete element method models to simulate wave-induced sediment transport in the nearshore. On the other side, I worked with regional-scale hydrodynamic/morphodynamic models to simulate coastal sediment transport in a broader area. I believe there are still many unknown processes and interactions between the flow field and the bed sediment in the nearshore which need to be investigated such as the effect of wave breaking on sediment suspension and the massive sediment fluxes under storm floods.

My research goal is to gain a deeper understanding of these interac-

tions and explore the unknown physical processes in the coastal zones. I am also very passionate about working with researchers and engineers from different fields to come up with solutions to the hazards in coastal regions caused by storms and hurricanes as well as sea level rise.

When I am not doing coastal modeling, I do lots of cooking and baking. Homemade pizza (Persian style with ketchup on!) and cake are among my favorites, as well as a variety of Persian and Turkish dishes.

Temitope Idowu: Unexploded ordnance in the nearshore

My name is Temitope Idowu. I am from Southwest Nigeria — a country known for its vibrant cultures and robust entertainment industry. I had my formal education up to the tertiary level in Nigeria, graduating with a BEng. in Civil Engineering in 2012 from the Federal University of Technology Akure. I pursued a research-based MSc in Civil & Environmental Engineering under the African Union-sponsored Pan African University from 2015 to 2017. My research focused on coastal groundwater pollution. I am currently a Ph.D. student at the Center for Applied Coastal Research at the University of Delaware.

My decision to pursue a career in civil engineering dates as far back as my sophomore year of high school when I realized the power of humans to modify or completely transform the environment and the pivotal role the civil engineer plays in creating a balance between solving human problems and conserving the environment.

Years later, I was subsequently drawn to the coastal engineering sub-discipline during my bachelor's degree while participating in a leadership training program in 2009 called Sea School. At the training site, which

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is located off the coast of the Atlantic Ocean in Apapa, Lagos Nigeria, I became more curious about the realities and challenges of coastal communities and the possible roles I could play in addressing these challenges in the future.

In the ensuing years, I developed a passion for coastal research and this heavily influenced the choice of research during my master's program. I have engaged in various other research which spans across coastal communities in Nigeria, West Africa, and Kenya, East Africa. These have led to the publishing of over 10 papers which has attracted citations from the academic community. I have also been invited as a reviewer of academic manuscripts on different occasions.

For my Ph.D., I belong to Professor Jack Puleo's research group where my research focuses on developing new insights on the mobility and burial of variable density munitions under extreme conditions. The research is primarily an experimental study involving the use of large flumes for simulating waves and observing different physical phenomena. The research will be contributing immensely to the development and validation of high-resolution computational models for predicting the probabilities of munitions getting washed up on our coastlines. Munitions appearing on recreational beaches? NOT GOOD!

What also gets me excited about the research are the skills to be gained in the process and the broader implications of the study. By the end of the research, I will have gained mastery of different types of sensors used for collecting coastal engineering related data and my computational skills including data management, cleaning, analysis, interpretation, and visualization will have greatly improved.

These are transferable skills I intend to deploy for addressing other



Temitope Idowu

coastal problems such as the movement of non-biodegradable solid objects that have been dumped indiscriminately and accumulated over decades in coastal waters. In the process, new solutions can be created for addressing solid waste pollution in the coastal communities of different parts of the world.

Before starting my Ph.D., I was an Assistant Lecturer for three-plus years; after my Ph.D. program, I intend to continue in academia as an assistant professor, conducting cutting edge research and mentoring younger

generations of coastal engineers and scientists.

My hobbies and interests keep evolving but they revolve around photography, nature, fitness, writing (blogging) and traveling. I have been to five countries besides my home country and I intend to visit more as the years go by enjoying walks in parks and beaches, hiking, and mountain climbing. High up on my bucket list of destinations are Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania), Grand Canyon National Park (USA) and Alaska (USA), to see the Northern Lights. ❖

Coming in the next issue of *Shore & Beach*

What's in the next issue of *Shore & Beach*, coming "soon" (in current USPS time) to a mail box near you:

- "Sand and social distancing: A UAS study of Galveston, TX, beach attendance during COVID-19," by Benjamin Ritt, Glenn A. Jones and David Retchless.
- "Quantifying interior coastal marsh degradation at two North Carolina marshes," by Faith M. Johnson and Alejandra C. Ortiz.
- "Revealing geomorphic changes

after the occurrence of a seismic event on the south coast of Puerto Rico (2020)," by Kevián Pérez-Valentín, Maritza Barreto-Orta, Aurelio Castro, Alfredo Montañez-Acuña and Nahir Cabrera-Valentín

- "Rapid development and colonization of a UK sand dune system," by A.T. Williams
- "O'Brien Award Winners: An interview with Joan Pope," by Julie Rosati.
- The 2020 ASBPA Photo Contest Winners. ❖

CHAPTER NEWS

The California Chapter, aka CSBPA, will be launching a webinar series titled “The Changing Sediment Landscape & Future of California’s Shores and Beaches.” California’s beaches and marshes are vulnerable to changes in climate and our ocean. This series will bring together leading coastal voices and experts across California to address pressing questions around our coast’s future:

- What do we know about how sediment systems are changing and how can we leverage what we’ve learned from the past?
- What are the state’s leading researchers discovering, and what tools, coordination, and policy changes exist to chart a more resilient future?

The first event is on **March 11, noon to 1:15 p.m.**, and will cover climate change and sediment challenges facing the California coasts, featuring talks from Jon Warrick (Research Geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, Santa Cruz) and Sam Veloz (Climate Adaptation Group Director for Point Blue Conservation Science). Attendance is free. Call-in information, as well as future webinar dates, will be posted on the California Chapter

website ([CSBPA 2021 Webinar Series \(asbpa.org\)](https://www.asbpa.org)).

ASBPA chapter events

- **Thursday, March 4, 12-1PM ET**
NSBPA lunch break webinar hosted with MassFM.
Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/networking-lunchbreak-with-nsbpa-and-massfm-tickets-141971080323>
- **Thursday, March 18, 12-1PM CT**
Central Gulf Coast
Lunch & Learn webinar
Speaker: Brett Geesey, PE (HDR Inc.) will present on the Rockefeller Refuge Gulf Shoreline Stabilization Project recently highlighted in the ASCE Civil Engineering magazine.
Access: <https://southalabama.zoom.us/j/91557333790>

CONFERENCES

- **April 26-27:** NCBIWA Spring Meeting, The Islander Hotel, Emerald Isle, NC. More information at www.ncbiwa.org. ❖

MANAGING REPORT

A mid-winter update

By **LESLIE PICKEL**
ASBPA Managing Director

The ASBPA staff, executive committee, and regional chapters continue to lead the organization forward this mid-winter. Members of the executive committee are focused on the search for our new executive director. Several of our chap-



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ters are engaging with one another while finding creative ways to turn monthly virtual gatherings into lunch and learns and collaborate with like-minded colleagues discussing the latest in coastal technologies.

The Science & Technology team, *Shore & Beach*, Government Affairs, Blue Flag, Best Restored Beaches, and the Coastal Summit Co-Chairs and Sponsorship Committees all continue to shepherd forward the coastal advocacy work of ASBPA.

We look forward with great anticipation to this month’s Coastal Summit and the opportunity to see you all — our members and supporters and connect! ❖

NOAA webinar March 3-4

The NOAA Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) Federal Advisory Committee will have a virtual public meeting via webinar on March 3-4 to focus on NOAA’s navigation services, data and products. Learn more and register: <https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsrp/meeting-webinar-March-April-2021.html>

CSBPA 2021 WEBINAR SERIES

The Changing Sediment Landscape & Future of California’s Shores and Beaches

March 11th, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Join CSBPA for the first in a series of interactive online seminars to learn about and discuss coastal issues



ASBPA announces RFQ to hire next executive director

The ASBPA is seeking an Executive Director. The Executive Director will be expected to lead ASBPA's efforts in government affairs, fundraising, strategic partnerships and outreach, and planning and vision-setting, while serving as primary public spokesperson for the organization and managing a team of four full- and part-time contracted staff. This position is based in Washington, DC.

Specific duties and knowledge include:

Congressional and federal agency advocacy and outreach:

- Develop/maintain ASBPA relationships with key Senators, Representatives, and their staffers;
- Provide policy input on coastal legislation, including congressional testimony as requested;
- Develop and maintain relationships with key Army Corps of Engineers, NOAA, FEMA, USGS and other agency personnel;
- Develop and implement policy advocacy campaigns;
- Track and report on coastal policy and decision-making;
- Recommend policies for ASBPA to support;
- Develop ASBPA's policy Summit program and invite speakers.

Fund-raising:

- Solicit sponsorships for technical Conference and policy Summit;
- Build and maintain relationships with individual and corporate donors;
- Develop and support revenue generating programs.

Strategic partnerships, outreach, and communications:

- Participate on coalitions, boards and committees on behalf of ASBPA;
- Develop and maintain relationships with key NGOs;

- Provide guidance for ASBPA chapters;
- Communicate and promote ASBPA events, programs and activities to the coastal community;
- Serve as spokesperson for media inquiries.

Planning, reporting, vision-setting:

- Develop, implement and report on ASBPA's strategic plan;
- Provide guidance on ASBPA organizational priorities;
- Manage and coordinate staff work;
- Manage and coordinate board expectations.

Skills and experience:

- 10 years' experience in advocacy, policy and/or government relations;
- A strong knowledge of coastal policy issues, and relevant coastal federal agencies and congressional committees;
- Staff management;
- Proven organizational management, including:
 - Fund-raising from sponsors and/or donors,
 - Development through grant-funded and/or contracted work,
 - Campaign and/or strategic planning,
 - An excellent communicator, including writing (especially "translating" policy and technical concepts for a non-policy/technical audience), social media, presenting and public speaking.

Association description

ASBPA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the beaches, shores and other coastal resources of America by merging science and policy. Founded in 1926, the organization educates and advocates for healthy coasts through sound policy based

on science. Among many activities, the association notably publishes a quarterly peer-reviewed journal (*Shore & Beach*), holds an annual technical conference and an annual policy summit, and presents awards for successful beach and shoreline restoration. ASBPA members are coastal practitioners of all sorts: state, county and municipal governments; elected officials; industry consultants and contractors; students and academics; and individuals whose livelihood is restoring, managing or maintaining coastlines. For more information, see www.asbpa.org.

Association staff and contractors are located across the country; however, this position must be in the Washington, DC, region. There is no ASBPA office; the Executive Director is expected to provide his/her own office space.

Remuneration

A multi-year contract will be considered.

Application

Application for the executive director should include:

- A letter of interest explaining relevant experience;
- A resume or list of past experiences and qualifications for this role;
- At least three references (with affiliation, email address, and phone number).

Your submittal should be sent to ASBPA Managing Director at managing@asbpa.org, with subject line "Executive Director application."

Consideration of applications will begin in March 2021.

Further information: Questions related to this vacancy announcement may be directed to ASBPA President Tony Pratt at President@asbpa.org. You can download the ASBPA Executive Director RFQ from <https://asbpa.org/2021/01/13/rfq-ed/> ❖