



Call for Abstracts

2026 Annual Meeting

January 26-28, Westin Hilton Head Island

The South Carolina Beach Advocates is accepting abstracts for its 2026 Annual Meeting through Monday, **November 17, 2025**. Submit abstracts via the online form by visiting our conference page at [2026 Annual Meeting \(scbeaches.org\)](https://2026annualmeeting.scbeaches.org). Each speaking slot is 15 minutes to encourage discussion.

Local Government and Community Associations have priority for speaking slots on the agenda, but we encourage all interested speakers to submit presentation abstracts, especially if the topic is of interest or benefit to local governments and community associations. Industry abstracts are encouraged to partner with a stakeholder or a public agency (e.g., projects, studies, or topics relevant to public-private partnerships).

Student presentations or poster abstracts are also strongly encouraged. See additional student opportunities on the next page.

Suggested topics for the 2026 Annual Meeting presentations are listed below.

- Benefits of shoreline and beach preservation (ecological, social, and economic);
- Recent nature-based (e.g., beach-dune, living shorelines, etc.) preservation projects, plans, and other developments in South Carolina and nearby states (e.g., North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida);
- Cultural heritage and preservation of SC coastal communities, particularly underserved communities;
- Coastal resilience/adaptation plans or projects that address sea level rise and/or climate change;
- Flood mitigation strategies, drainage, and stormwater management in coastal communities;
- Community monitoring efforts (beach/dune profiles, rainfall, tides, groundwater, etc.);
- Engagement of residents/property owners in planning discussions (citizen science, crowdsourcing, new equipment/techniques, use of apps, etc.);
- Tools and technologies for shore protection (numerical modeling, GIS, data science, etc.);
- Grants and funding opportunities for coastal resilience studies and projects;
- Long-term beach nourishment and sand borrow area sustainability;
- Emerging coastal policy challenges; and
- New technologies and innovative designs, approaches, and/or materials to shoreline management.

Submit your abstracts by close of business **Monday, November 17, 2025**, using the [online abstract submission form](#). All abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee, ranked, and selected for acceptance or refusal. Notification of presentation status will occur by **Friday, December 12, 2025**. Presenters are responsible for all of their expenses, including registration fees.



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Student Opportunities

The South Carolina Beach Advocates encourage and support the next generation of coastal preservation leaders. Please contact admin@scbeaches.org if you have students who are interested in any of the following incentives.

- **Student volunteers** receive free conference registration when they help with registration, AV support, etc.
- **Student posters:** This is a unique opportunity for students only to submit a poster abstract. This gives students an opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with meeting attendees in a more relaxed setting.
- **Student registration rates:** \$50.

Example of an Abstract & Short Bio

(to be submitted through the online form)

Lead Presenter Bio: Susan Doe has been the Coastal Director at the Town of Anytown since 2016. Prior to that, she worked as a technical staff person at DHEC OCRM. She has participated on the most recent committee on important coastal things and has 15 years of public service in the state of South Carolina.

Abstract: This oral presentation is about Anytown Beach's recent nature-based preservation projects along its beach and marsh. We worked with John Doe from Anytown Environmental to develop the plans, design, and implementation of these projects. John and I will co-present on this topic. I think it will be interesting to the South Carolina Beach Advocates because it discusses coastal resilience-adaptation plans and projects that address sea level rise and/or climate change (or other suggested presentation topic from the Call for Abstracts). The presentation will cover the background, methods, results, and conclusions of these projects, which are summarized in the next two paragraphs...