



Call for Abstracts

2027 Annual Meeting

January 14-15, Francis Marion, Charleston, SC

The South Carolina Beach Advocates is accepting abstracts for its 2027 Annual Meeting through Monday, **November 16, 2026**. Submit abstracts via the online form by visiting our conference page at [2027 Annual Meeting \(scbeaches.org\)](https://www.scbeaches.org/2027-Annual-Meeting). Presentation time slots are 12 minutes plus time for a panel discussion.

Accepted abstracts will be grouped into one-hour-long themed panels with four **12-minute** presentations. We will hold questions for the last 10 minutes of the hour-long panel.

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.

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

Suggested topics for the 2027 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);
- 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;
- Addressing swimmer safety challenges (dangerous rip currents, poor water quality, and off-duty lifeguard coverage)
- Community monitoring efforts (beach/dune profiles, rainfall, tides, groundwater);
- Engagement of residents/property owners in planning discussions (citizen science, crowdsourcing, new equipment/techniques, use of apps);
- Tools and technologies for shore protection (numerical modeling, GIS, data science);
- 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 16, 2026**, 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 SCOR. 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 Corporate 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...