



Call for Abstracts & Ideas

2021 Annual Meeting, February 8-9, Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, SC

The South Carolina Beach Advocates is accepting abstracts and ideas for its 2021 conference through **November 13, 2020**. Please submit your abstracts or ideas to exdir@sbeaches.org. Abstracts must include the name, title, affiliation, and contact info for the speaker (see attached abstract submission template). This year, we will be offering 15-minute speaking slots to encourage discussion.

"Abstract" - a short write up describing a presentation you'd like to give at a conference. It is like the Executive Summary of a report – includes info on the background, methods, results, and conclusions of a study. See the attached abstract submission template.

"Ideas" – tell us about a coastal management challenge or other state beach topic on which you'd like to hear a presentation or have a discussion about during our upcoming meeting. This is a less formal submission, just a quick email note will do.

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., PPP – projects, studies, or topics relevant to public to private partnerships).

Student presentation abstracts are also strongly encouraged. See additional student opportunities below.

Suggested topics for the 2021 Annual Conference presentation include, but are not limited to:

- 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);
- COVID-19 response, closing & re-opening beaches, challenges, and lessons learned;
- Cultural heritage and preservation of SC coastal communities;
- Coastal resilience/adaptation plans or projects that address sea level rise and/or climate change;
- Flood mitigation strategies, drainage, and storm water management in coastal communities;
- Zoning or building code modifications to address coastal development challenges;
- Community monitoring efforts (beach/dune profiles, rainfall, tides, groundwater, etc.);
- Community engagement of residents/property owners in planning discussions (citizen science, crowd sourcing, new equipment/techniques, use of apps, etc.);
- Tools and technologies for shore protection (numerical modeling, GIS, data science, etc.);
- Innovative designs, approaches, and/or materials; and
- Benefits of shoreline and beach preservation (ecological, social, and economic).



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Industry Engagement Opportunities

A short session of *industry lightning talks* will be held on Monday afternoon before happy hour. These will be 5-minute presentation slots for our corporate members and/or sponsors to give a short pitch about their product or service. Abstract submissions are required to participate in this session. Industry abstracts for full oral presentations that would be of interest to the coastal communities and focus on science and engineering of innovative technologies are welcomed.

Student Opportunities

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

- **Student volunteers** receive a free conference registration when they help with registration, AV support, etc. Hurry! Spots are limited.
- **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. The student poster session will take place Monday afternoon.
- **NEW!** Mentor Luncheon: Arrive to the conference a little early on Monday, February 8 to grab a casual lunch with senior coastal professionals who will then serve as a “mentor” during the meeting to expand your network.
- **Student registration rates** will also be available when registration opens.

Abstract submission deadline: Friday, November 13.



Abstract Submission Template

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Presentation Title: <i>Why I love my beach and marsh</i>			
Lead Presenter:	Susan Doe	Co-Presenter:	John Doe
Title:	Coastal Director	Title:	Environmental Scientist
Affiliation:	Town of Anytown	Company:	Anytown Environmental, Inc.
Address:	1000, Oceanside Way, Anytown,	Address:	1010, Oceanside Way, Anytown, SC 29555
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Type of Presentation: General Oral Presentation or Industry Lightning Talk or Student Poster (chose one)

Lead Presenter Bio: Susan Doe has been the Coastal Director at the Town of Anytown since 2011. 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 25 years of public service in the state of South Carolina.

Abstract: This oral presentation is about Anytown’s beach 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...