



North Carolina Shore & Beach Preservation Association

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Harry Simmons Elected to Board of Directors of The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association

Harry Simmons, Executive Director of North Carolina Shore & Beach Preservation Association (NCSBPA), has been elected to the board of directors of The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA). The election was announced by ASBPA President Gregory Woodell of Los Angeles at the ASBPA annual conference in Portland, Oregon in September.

ASBPA was founded in 1926 by individuals who recognized the need for an organized effort to combat erosion, a serious problem in many coastal areas. The founding members of the Association were active in persuading Congress to enact legislation authorizing Federal sharing of the cost, first of erosion studies of specific problem areas and, later, of project works. Then, as now, this required data collection, research on coastal processes, and the development and the use of analytical techniques and hydraulic models (and, today, numerical models as well). Recently, the work of the Association has been expanded to a broad range of activities and interests related to the overall planning and management of shores and beaches. Recognizing the great diversity of our coasts, the Association encourages regional workshops, as well as national meetings to benefit those working with our

shores and beaches. The Association publishes a quarterly journal, Shore and Beach, and a quarterly ASBPA Newsletter. Through these publications, the experience and opinions of qualified individuals are brought to the attention of the engineers, scientists, planners, and public officials concerned with managing our shore resources. (Website: www.asbpa.org)

Harry Simmons serves as Mayor of the Town of Caswell Beach, located at the mouth of the Cape Fear River in southeastern North Carolina. Mayor Simmons also sits on the boards of the American Coastal Coalition and the North Carolina League of Municipalities and chairs the Brunswick Beaches Consortium, an interlocal sand management undertaking of Brunswick County and the municipalities of Bald Head Island, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Oak Island, Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach.

On his election to the ASBPA board Mayor Simmons said, “I am honored to be entrusted with oversight of such an esteemed national organization. I will encourage my fellow board members to ensure that the ASBPA mission is aggressively advanced and that the importance of America’s beaches to all Americans is clearly and continually conveyed to those who do not understand.”

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North Carolina Shore & Beach Preservation Association is a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve, restore and preserve North Carolina’s public beaches, a most beneficial renewable resource. NCSBPA is governed by a diverse, coastwide board of directors which counts state and local officials, academicians, engineers, economists, geologists and other scientists among its members. The NCSBPA website can be found at <http://www.ncshoreandbeach.org>.

2002 NCSBPA Annual Conference
“The Ecology and Economy of North Carolina’s Beaches”
Monday & Tuesday, November 18 & 19, 2002
Atlantic Beach Sheraton
Details online at www.ncshoreandbeach.org