

**GOVERNORS' SOUTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE (GSAA) ANNUAL MEETING**  
September 6 - 7, 2012 • Francis Marion Hotel • Charleston, SC  
AGENDA

**Day 1 - Thursday, September 6**

- 12:00pm Meeting check-in available
- 1:00pm Welcome by the Steering Group Chair  
*Dee Freeman, Secretary NCDENR and Chair, GSAA Steering Group*
- 1:10pm Introductions around the Roundtable
- 1:15pm Overview of Meeting Agenda and Logistics  
*Chris Russo, NCDENR and Chair, GSAA Executive Planning Team*
- 1:30pm Steering Group Chair Report  
*Dee Freeman, NCDENR*
- 1:45pm Federal Chair Report  
*Paul Sandifer, NOAA*
- 2:00pm Partners Chair Report  
*Mary Conley, The Nature Conservancy*
- 2:15pm State Representatives' Update
- North Carolina - *Chris Russo, NCDENR*
  - South Carolina - *Carolyn Boltin-Kelly, SCDHEC*
  - Georgia - *Brad Gane, GADNR*
  - Florida - *Rebecca Prado, FLDEP*
- 2:55pm Introduction of GSAA Regional Coordinator and Administrative Update  
*Rick DeVoe, S.C. Sea Grant Consortium*  
*Kristine Cherry, GSAA Regional Coordinator*
- 3:05pm Break
- 3:20pm Reports on GSAA-Funded Research
- Regional Management Information System  
*Debra Hernandez, SECOORA*
  - Geospatial Tool for Regional Hazard Vulnerability Assessment  
*Chester W. Jackson Jr., Ph.D., Georgia Southern University*
- CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- 3:45pm Sustaining the Alliance and It's Momentum  
*Steering Group / Federal Co-Lead Business Discussion*
- 3:45pm Implementing the Action Plan: Current Status  
*Issue Area Technical Team Breakout Discussions*
- 4:45pm Wrap Up
- 5:00pm Adjourn

## EVENING EVENT

5:30 – 7:30    Clemson University Restoration Institute  
Reception and VIP Tour of Lash Laboratory / CSS H.L. Hunley  
Submarine Conservation Project

*Dinner on your own*

## Day 2 - Friday, September 7

7:30am        Continental Breakfast

8:00am        Welcome  
*The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor of Charleston*

8:30am        Priority Issues Summary Reports

- Clean Coastal and Ocean Waters  
*David Graves, SCDHEC*
- Working Waterfronts  
*April Turner, SCSGC*
- Disaster Resilient Communities  
*Jennifer Kline, GADNR*
- Healthy Ecosystems  
*Bob VanDolah, SCDNR*

9:30am        Break

9:45am        Implementing the Action Plan: Continuing Our Work  
*Issue Area Technical Team Breakout Discussions*

11:30am      Lunch and Keynote Speech:  
Emerging Environmental Technologies in the South Atlantic Region  
*Dr. John Kelly*  
*Executive Director, Clemson University Restoration Institute*

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

12:45pm      Implementing the Action Plan: Next Steps  
*Issue Area Technical Team Breakout Discussions*

12:45pm      Effective Management and Communication for the Future  
*Executive Planning Team*

1:15pm        Technical Team Reports on Next Steps

2:45pm        Alliance Recap and Next Steps: Prioritizing Actions, Coordination & Outreach  
*Chris Russo, Chair, GSAA Executive Planning Team*

3:00pm        Adjourn