

GSAA Celebration and Transition Meeting
August 31, 2016 ♦ Charleston, SC
Doubletree Hotel – Historic District
Stono Ballroom

Thank you for joining us to provide your input on the development of a new regional network for ocean and coastal professionals, building on the successes of the Governors' South Atlantic Alliance.

~ Meeting Goal ~

The goal of this meeting is to share and celebrate GSAA success, generate ideas for a Southeast regional collaborative, and gauge enthusiasm for making a new partnership work.

~ Desired Outcomes ~

Participants will:

- Understand the purpose for a collaborative as identified by the Transition Team and supported by the survey results
- Identify options that would satisfy the need for a relationship
- Compare, contrast and evaluate options
- Provide input, including an idea of how much enthusiasm participants have for moving forward

Agenda Overview:

8:00 Registration

8:30 Welcome and Goals of the Meeting

Braxton Davis, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Virginia Fay, NOAA Fisheries and Paul Sandifer, College of Charleston

9:00 Building on Success: Highlighting Best Practices from the GSAA

Participants in GSAA workgroups and projects will share their experiences and feedback on what worked and how a new network could build on GSAA successes.

Will Salters, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
David Graves, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Eric Strom, US Geological Survey
Jason Doll, Moffatt and Nichol
Bob Swett, Florida Sea Grant

10:00 BREAK

- 10:30 And the Survey Says...**
Presentation will review the results of the Regional Network Interest Survey issued by the GSAA Transition Team.
Kristine Cherry, Governors' South Atlantic Alliance
- 10:45 Transition Planning: Purpose and Issues**
The Transition Team will share the proposed purpose for a new relationship and invite participants to consider what outcomes might be achieved and the possible areas of focus.
Mary Conley, The Nature Conservancy
- The purpose of our collaborative is to provide a forum in the Southeast for:*
- *identifying emerging regional coastal and ocean challenges*
 - *capitalizing on opportunities to take action on shared challenges, and*
 - *building strong multi-disciplinary/ multi-sector networks*
- 11:30 Transition Planning: Relationship Options**
The Transition Team will present a continuum of relationship options for participants to consider, ranging from ad hoc to systematic.
- *Community of Practice Model - Rick DeVoe, SC Sea Grant Consortium*
 - *Network Model - Debra Hernandez, Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association*
 - *Collaborative Model - Jill Andrews, GA Department of Natural Resources*
 - *Regional Ocean Partnership Model - Virginia Fay, NOAA Fisheries*
- 12:00 LUNCH**
Participants will be free to choose from the numerous lunch options that are available in Charleston's historic district.
- 1:30 Transition Planning: Building the Network**
The Transition Team will facilitate small groups to brainstorm new options, then compare and evaluate the options.
- 2:30 BREAK**
- 2:50 Transition Planning: Building the Network**
Small groups will debrief new options and evaluations, facilitated discussion will allow for additional feedback, then all participants will rate the feasibility and effectiveness of the available options.
- 4:00 Transition Planning: Next Steps**
Facilitated discussion based on the outcomes of the day's discussions and assessment of interest for moving forward.
- 4:45 Adjourn**
-