

## ASBPA Morrough P. O'Brien Award: Thomas Campbell

*The Morrough P. O'Brien Award is given annually to an individual or organization on the basis of 1) an outstanding record in achieving the objectives and ideals of ASBPA; or 2) for major direct contributions to ASBPA.*

Without any doubt, Tom has “an outstanding record in achieving the objectives and ideals of ASBPA” and has made “major direct contributions to ASBPA.” Tom is president and a founder of Coastal Planning & Engineering Inc. (CPE), a consulting firm that for 27 years has promoted and supported public efforts for the “preserving, protecting and enhancing the beaches, shores and other coastal resources of America” — consistent with ASBPA’s mission.

Over these many years, Tom has been a generous supporter of ASBPA, both by his direct service and via the service of his CPE staff on various committees, co-authoring countless professional publications, white papers, and journal articles, and through his ongoing financial contributions to ASBPA conferences.

Over the past 33+ years, he has been influential in the coastal engineering community — both in Florida as well as the national



Tom Campbell (right) with ASBPA President Harry Simmons.

arena — particularly relative to the advancement and refinement of engineering standards of practice pertaining to beach restoration and maintenance including the following:

(a) Tom received the Jim Purpura Award from FSBPA in 1982 for “...outstanding contribution to coastal engineering in the State of Florida”.

(b) In 1985, Tom was the Chairman of the Engineering Committee of the Florida Governor’s “Restore our Coast” Task Force.

(c) In 1995, Tom served on the National Research Council’s

Marine Board Committee on Beach nourishment, where he served as a contributing author to the book “Beach Nourishment and Protection.”

(d) In 2003, Tom was chairman of the Design Panel of a state and federal (LCA) program that resulted in the program, “Implementing a Louisiana Barrier Island and Barrier Shoreline Restoration Program.”

For all these accomplishments and much more, ASBPA was pleased to honor Tom with its 2011 Morrough P. O’Brien Award at the National Coastal Conference. ❖