

FRESpace – PROXY Information

The nominating committee recommends the following for election to the Board of Directors to fill the positions whose terms expire in 2025.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Replaces</u>
Iddy Andrews	2 years	Self
TBD	2 years	Peter Beck
Mike Cubelo	2 years	Self
TBD	2 years	Lisa Van Dort
Ann Luckadoo	2 years	Self
Dianne Watson	2 years	Self

IMPORTANT

FOR FRESpace TO HAVE A QUORUM AND CONDUCT THE ANNUAL MEETING, ATTENDANCE BY 15% OF THE MEMBERSHIP IN PERSON OR BY PROXY IS REQUIRED. IF YOU WILL NOT ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHOICE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EITHER BY INDIVIDUAL NAMES OR BY DESIGNATING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO VOTE YOUR PROXY TO edistofrespace@gmail.com NO LATER THAN APRIL 5.

FRESpace ANNUAL MEETING April 12, 2025 at State Park Environmental Learning Center

10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
10:30 a.m.	Members' Annual Meeting
10:45 a.m.	Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting
1:30 p.m.	River Cruise \$10 (<u>FRESpace members only</u>)

River Cruise compliments of Edisto Watersports, 3731 Docksite Road. Be at the Watersports dock before 1:30 p.m. with \$10 per person.

FRESpace Accomplishments - 2024

- Supported EBSP Sea Turtle projects which this year saw 194 nests laid, producing 14,452 hatchlings.
- Increased Frespace memberships to 368, with a continued strong renewal rate.
- Corporate Sponsorship remains steady at 25.
- Continued to develop communication with our membership and visitors to Edisto Beach State Park through semi-annual newsletter, website at www.frespace.org, and Facebook account. Website visits average 500 per month. Facebook followers increased to 7,400, a new high. Rack card holders are in most establishments.
- Funded bird seed for the ELC bird sanctuary.
- Renewed membership of FRESpace/EBSP in the Edisto Chamber of Commerce.
- Purchased “I Survived” night walk T-shirts to sell to benefit turtle projects.
- Funded popcorn for the Movie Nights at Bay Creek Park.
- Purchased new slide sets and microscope for the exhibit at the ELC.
- Purchased a macroscope for the ELC.
- Purchased new computer tables and chairs for the EBSP Wi-Fi Room.
- Purchased sand fencing and posts to erect 54 sections of protective sand fencing along the shoreline of EBSP.
- Sponsored refreshments for the Edisto Beach Sweep.

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Installed 54 sections of sand fencing along EBSP shoreline during 7 work sessions.
- Provided and staffed a Frespace information table at Ace Basin Fun Day, Ace Basin 25th Anniversary Celebration, Turtle Tide Reveal, and Edisto Fall Festival events.
- Staffed two aid stations during the Edisto Beach Triathlon.
- Pruned vegetation on the hiking trails of the EBSP Live Oak Campus and trimmed vegetation around the ELC.
- “The Blowhards”, a year-round Frespace volunteer group, cleared the trails weekly at the Live Oak Campus.
- Helped assemble 24 picnic tables during two work sessions for the EBSP.
- Mustered 23 volunteers to clean storm debris at the beach day-use area after TS Debbie.
- Installed and removed signs and cordon ropes to protect nesting sites of shorebirds along the EBSP shoreline.
- Participated in the Hole Patrol group that documented 1,900 items removed from the beach.
- Provided \$12,397.22 for projects and amenities benefiting the EBSP. Frespace received \$12,100 during the last quarter of 2024 from the Edisto Chamber of Commerce’s Turtle Tide Auction and a community grant from the Edisto Lions Club. Those funds enabled Frespace to allocate \$17,500 for exciting new projects and amenities for the EBSP beginning early in 2025.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Continuing emphasis on increasing membership through local recruiting.
- Increase volunteer work and support of EBSP.
- Several support and volunteer projects have been planned and funded for 2025 including construction of approx. 300 l/ft. of ADA compliant sidewalks for the beach day-use area of EBSP.
- Installation of additional sand fencing along the EBSP shoreline.
- Trail clearing and landscape maintenance around the ELC grounds.
- Fund a new “turtle tub” for the ELC aquatic display.
- Five new microscopes with stands for school group water studies at the ELC.
- A/V projector and upgrades for the ELC conference room.
- Stakes and identification tags for threatened cacti within the EBSP campuses.
- A new battery pack for the Blowhard’s power sweeper.