

APPENDIX XIII

PROPOSED UNOLS CHARTER REVISIONS

3. MEMBERSHIP

a. **Membership** in UNOLS is open to those institutions which use, or operate and use, sea-going facilities and maintain an academic program in marine science. ~~Membership shall be by institution.~~ It is intended that UNOLS institutions make substantial contributions to the national oceanographic program. Both individual institutions and consortia of such institutions may be members of UNOLS for purposes of attending UNOLS meetings, receiving UNOLS information, and other non-voting UNOLS activities. However, on any matter requiring a vote of the UNOLS membership either the member consortium may cast a ballot or individual member institution(s) within the consortium may cast ballot(s), but not both. In the event that any consortium and one or more of its constituent institutions disagree as to the voting option to be exercised in any matter, only the ballots of individual institutions within that consortium will be accepted on that matter. The choice of individual or consortium voting may be exercised independently on each voting matter and by each consortium and its constituent institutions. In the remainder of this charter the word "institution" means "individual member institution or member consortium" except where otherwise noted.

5. PROCEDURES

a. **Voting.** Election of UNOLS Officers and UNOLS Council members will be on the basis of one vote for each UNOLS institution represented. On issues coming before the membership for vote, each UNOLS institution will also exercise one vote. Except as otherwise specified (e.g., for involuntary termination of membership), matters voted on will be decided by a simple majority of UNOLS institutions casting votes in person or by proxy. Voting by the membership will ordinarily take place at UNOLS meetings. Two-thirds of the UNOLS operator institutions must be represented to establish a quorum. Because of the option for consortia or their member institutions to vote as in section 3a., the number that constitutes a quorum may be different for different votes. In extraordinary circumstances, matters may be submitted for vote by the membership at times other than UNOLS meetings. These matters will be submitted by mail or electronic mail, and will be governed by the same rules for decision and quorum as apply at meetings.