

October 4, 2004

Tentative Agenda

UNOLS ANNUAL MEETING
8:30 A.M., Friday, 15 October 2004
National Science Foundation, Stafford II Building, Room 555
4201 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, VA

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0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Introduction and Welcome: Tim Cowles, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and will give a brief summary of the issues of current interest to UNOLS. He will also summarize the major accomplishments within UNOLS over the last year.

Keynote Address

[Mr. Robert Winokur](#)

Mr. Robert Winokur, Technical Director Oceanographer of the Navy and Chair of the Federal Oceanographic Facilities Committee (FOFC), will provide the keynote address. Mr. Winokur will discuss and review the status of the on-going FOFC effort to prepare a coordinated federal oceanographic fleet renewal plan, along with providing an overview of the status of other federal activities currently underway, such as the response to the Report of the Commission on Ocean Policy, Ocean.US, ocean legislation, and the Joint Subcommittee on Oceans.

Federal Agency Reports - Information from Federal Agencies (NSF, ONR, NRL, Oceanographer of the Navy including NAVO & CNMOC, NOAA, USCG, USGS, MMS, DOS and DOE) on 2004 activities and forecasts for 2005 and beyond.

UNOLS Fleet Renewal Activities - Reports by Tim Cowles, Dave Hebert, and agency representatives on implementation of the Fleet Renewal Plan.

Federal Agency plans for implementation:

Regional Class Design, IPT Status, and Acquisition Process (NSF)

Ocean Class Planning Status (Admiral Cohen, CNR)

Fleet Improvement Committee Plans – meeting summary

Fleet Improvement Plan - update

Revised vessel retirement dates and SLEP estimates

Global Class Science Mission Requirements

On-going Design and Construction Efforts:

ARRV Design status and funding

Status of CAPE HENLOPEN Replacement effort

EWING Replacement Plans

Ocean Observatory Facility Needs

Ocean Commission Recommendations

The Keynote Address and Fleet Renewal Reports will be followed by an open discussion period between Mr. Winokur, Agency Representatives and Meeting Participants.

Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education – A report on CORE activities of interest to UNOLS will be provided.

UNOLS Membership Votes

UNOLS Charter Revisions - The UNOLS Council recommends the re-adoption of the UNOLS Charter in accordance with the revisions <[charter revision 2004.html](#)>. Re-adoption of the UNOLS Charter requires a membership vote for approval.

UNOLS Elections: Elections for the following UNOLS Council positions will be held

- UNOLS Chair-Elect (2 year term) - Individual affiliated with any UNOLS Member Institution

Non-Operator Representative (3 year term) - from among designated UNOLS Member Operator institutions

UNOLS Council Member, (3-year term) At-large, affiliated with any Member Institution.

The slate of nominees can be viewed at: <[slate 2004.html](#)>.

UNOLS Chair and Immediate Past Chair Announcement:

- Peter Wiebe, Chair-Elect, becomes the new UNOLS Chair.
- Tim Cowles, UNOLS Chair, becomes the Immediate Past Chair.

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch Break

1300 COMMITTEE REPORTS – Tim Cowles will introduce the UNOLS Committee Chairs who will report on their activities.

Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC) – Carin Ashjian, AICC Co-Vice-Chair, will report on the activities of the AICC in 2003/2004. She will report on science operations for HEALY and the Polar Class Icebreakers in 2004 and planned for 2005. Planning for Service Life Extensions of the POLAR STAR and POLAR SEA will be reviewed along with any other major issues.

DEep Submergence Science Committee (DESSC) – Patty Fryer, Chair, will report on DESSC activities, 2003/2004 ALVIN and ROV operations, and National Deep Submergence Facility equipment/instrumentation upgrades. She will report on submergence operations planned for 2005 and beyond. Plans for replacement vehicles and new facilities will be discussed.

Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC) – David Hebert, Chair, will report on the FIC activities in 2003/2004, plans for the upcoming year, and summarize issues other than Fleet Renewal being addressed by FIC.

Research Vessel Operators' Committee (RVOC) – Tim Askew, Chair, will review the activities of RVOC in 2003/2004 and plans for the 2004 Annual RVOC meeting to be hosted by Bermuda Biological Station for Research.

Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC) – Steve Poulos, RVTEC Vice-Chair, will report on RVTEC activities in 2003/2004 and plans for the RVTEC Annual Meeting to be hosted by Florida Institution of Oceanography.

Ship Scheduling Committee (SSC) – Elizabeth Brenner, SSC Co-Chair, will review ship scheduling issues over the past year including agency budget shortfalls and their impact on ship schedules. The UNOLS ship operation plans for 2005 will be reviewed.

Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR) – John Bane, SCOAR Chair will report on the committee's activities in their first year and plans for the future.

Recognition of departing Council and Committee members

2004/2005 UNOLS Goals and Priorities

Tim Cowles will present the 2004/2005 UNOLS Goals and Priorities as established by the UNOLS Council.

Issues Before UNOLS

Various UNOLS activities and issues of interest to UNOLS Members have arisen during the year. The UNOLS Chair will summarize the issues below and introduce them for discussion.

Marine Mammals and Acoustic Permitting Issues

Frequency Spectrum Management Issue

Conflict of Interest Guidelines

Quality of Service Subcommittee on Post Cruise Assessments

UNOLS Cables Draft Performance Requirements

Shipboard Over-the-Side Handling Systems (Manufacturer winch inspections and load handling system symposium).

Guidelines for Becoming a UNOLS Vessel

Defined Levels of Technician/Instrumentation Support

Research Vessel Security and new regulatory requirements

R/V Safety Standards

UNOLS Dues Accounting

UNOLS Calendar and activities at winter conferences

UNOLS Members may wish to raise additional issues.

UNOLS Elections Results

Other Business

UNOLS Appointments to Committees: The UNOLS Chair will announce new appointments to the Executive Committee and standing committees in accordance with the UNOLS Charter.

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