

Agenda

UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday-Friday, June 20 & 21, 2002, 8:30 am

**University of Washington, Oceanography Department
Seattle, WA**

Meeting Locations:

6/20 - Marine Science Building, Room 123

6/21 - Ocean Sciences Building, Room 425

Call the Meeting: Bob Knox, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide an opportunity for introductions. The concept for this meeting will be to hold open discussions leading to the setting of goals and priorities for UNOLS. Most of the agenda should be covered on Thursday leaving Friday morning to wrap up and finalize these goals, priorities and any action items. Some people will need to leave by mid day on Friday and it is anticipated that the meeting will conclude by noon.

Accept minutes of February 2002.

Nominating Committee: The second term for Dennis Hansell and first term for Denis Wiesenburg are expiring in 2002. In addition the UNOLS Chair and the new position of Chair - Elect are up for election in September. The Nominating committee is Curt Collins (chair), Bruce Corliss, and Charles Flagg. Curt will review the status of nominations for these positions.

Fleet Renewal Plan Implementation: What are the next steps for UNOLS and the Federal Government in implementing the Fleet Renewal Plan? Items underway include:

- .. Ocean Class and Regional Class SMR Community input and Workshop Plans
- .. Navy Common Hull Study
- .. Status on ARRV Preliminary Design, Model tests, community input, funding
- .. KILO MOANA Status report, Inspections and Science testing
- .. Status of CAPE HENLOPEN Replacement effort
- .. Impact of Ocean Commission Hearings
- .. Other venues for developing support for the plan

Facilities beyond Ships: Curt Collins will present a proposal to establish an Aircraft Facilities Coordinating Committee with the Center for Interdisciplinary Remotely-Piloted Aircraft Studies (CIRPAS) at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) being designated as the first national aircraft oceanographic facility under Appendix II of the UNOLS Charter.

Review the current status of Observatory development and UNOLS role. Examine whether or not we are staying sufficiently informed about development of these facilities.

Quality of Service Initiative: The Post Cruise Assessments Reports have been reviewed and revised by the Committee established at last year's summer meeting and are ready for implementation. What further steps should UNOLS and the Council take to make this part of a comprehensive quality improvement program. Review PCA results from 2001.

Acoustic Permitting Requirements: The Marine Mammals Protection Act and Endangered Species Act may require permits for certain types of research activities involving acoustics or other activities that might be interpreted as harassing marine mammals or other protected species. UNOLS needs to work with funding agencies and the regulatory agencies to develop clear and reasonable guidelines for when permits are needed or not.

Committee Activities: Committee Chairs will discuss issues or planned activities that have not already been

covered.

- .. A preliminary status on 2003 scheduling will be presented along with a review of any 2002 scheduling issues (SSC)
- .. Research Vessel Security and the impact on scheduling (SSC & RVOC)
- .. R/V Safety Standards - input from ship inspection program? (RVOC)
- .. Standards for Basic Technical Services (RVTEC)
- .. LINK Symposium, NASA - NOAA (DESSC)
- .. Shallow Submergence Science Committee (Ad-hoc) (DESSC)
- .. New Deep Submergence Vehicles (DESSC)

Setting goals and priorities for the coming year, plans for the annual meeting: In preparation for the annual meeting we should review the major accomplishments and activities of the past year and set goals and priorities for the coming year. In addition we should formulate a draft agenda for the Annual meeting and determine what items should be on the ballot. Discuss methods to improve attendance by UNOLS representatives.

Other Issues:

- .. Ocean Commission - UNOLS presentations (past and future)
- .. ISM status of compliance - Any news on crew, shore support and science community implications.
- .. WINCH & WIRE Follow-on Activities: Plan to develop "Science Mission Requirements" for oceanographic wires, cables and ropes and to develop Standard Criteria for Safe Working Loads (SWL).
- .. Status of NAVO ship time funding

Opportunity for Additional Reports:

- .. Agency Representatives
- .. Council Members

Please provide input on the above agenda items and on any issues that you would like to have included.

Note: There will be a barbecue dinner held immediately after the meeting adjournment on day 1 (June 20th) at the Marine Sciences Building. All meeting attendees are invited. Cost: \$25 per person

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