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UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING
8:30 a.m., 2-3 February 2000
[W. Alton Jones Campus](#)
[Whispering Pines Conference Center](#)
[University of Rhode Island](#)

[Wednesday, February 2, 2000](#)

8:30 am Call the Meeting: Bob Knox, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., February 2, 2000.

8:40 am Accept Minutes of the September 1999 Council Meeting.

8:45 am COMMITTEE REPORTS: Bob Knox will provide a brief summary of the UNOLS Committee written reports and open the floor to a question/answer period. (Prior to the meeting, Committee Chairs submitted written reports on activities since the September Council meeting.) Chairs will identify any important issues that need to be addressed further by the Council.

9:45 am Federal Agency Reports:

- **Department of State** – Tom Cocke
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/ Oceanographic and Atmospheric Research (NOAA/OAR)** - CDR Elizabeth White
- **NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service** – Jim Meehan
- **National Science Foundation** – Dolly Dieter
- **Naval Oceanographic Office** – Paul Taylor
- **Oceanographer of the Navy**
- **Office of Naval Research** – Sujata Millick

10:15 am Morning Break

10:35 am Continue Agency Reports

UNOLS ISSUES:

11:00 am NSF Academic Research Fleet Review Session: Recommendations and Responses - Bob Knox will introduce a session which will focus on the recommendations of the Academic Fleet Review and identify methods for implementing the recommendations both by the federal agencies and UNOLS community. Committee recommendations include the following:

- The UNOLS system should be retained.
- Launch a significant campaign to upgrade and strengthen the fleet to prepare for increasing technological sophistication and improve future productivity and quality of fleet operations.
- Use a cooperative agreement for support of the UNOLS Office to ensure necessary management oversight.
- Consider a trial including some commercial ship operators as UNOLS non-member operators to provide unique fleet capabilities.
- NSF must accelerate and expand efforts to articulate a broadly based vision for the future of ocean science and technology.
- Federal agencies sponsoring research in oceanography should develop a long-range plan for modernization and composition of the oceanographic research fleet that reaches well into the 21st century.

11:20 am NSF's Response to the Fleet Review Recommendations - NSF will provide an update on the fleet review recommendations and any actions taken or planned in respect to the review.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Enhancing Operational/Technical Support Performance - In response to the Fleet Review recommendation to enhance operational/technical support performance, Paula Anderson Findley has been invited to the Council meeting to discuss various potential methods, which might be applicable in meeting the goal. Ms. Anderson-Findley works in the field of corporate programs to enhance quality/excellence and is knowledgeable on several methods such as six sigma, TQM, etc. She is also familiar with the UNOLS Fleet having served as a technician on COLUMBUS ISELIN.

1:45 pm UNOLS Response to Fleet Review recommendations -The Council will discuss directions and actions needed to respond to the fleet review. *Attachment 1* includes the recommendations of the Academic Fleet Review committee, a copy of the UNOLS Charter, and a copy of *The Academic Research Fleet*. The Council is asked to carefully review the material included in *Attachment 1* and be prepared to discuss it at the meeting. Members are asked to answer the question, "What specifically should UNOLS, or the agencies, or the ship operators, or combinations thereof, do to make progress in the direction of the recommendations?"

2:30 pm Afternoon Break

2:50 pm Post Cruise Assessment Reporting - Jack Bash will report on the subcommittee's activities regarding the development of an electronic database system for collecting and summarizing Post Cruise Assessments.

End Fleet Review Session

Future Fleet and Facility Planning Session

3:10 pm The UNOLS Biennial Review of Sea Going Oceanographic Facilities – Larry Atkinson will report on progress on the FIC report, *UNOLS Biennial Review of Sea Going Oceanographic Facilities*.

3:25 pm Moorings as a Facility – Dennis Hansell will report on activities since the last meeting regarding the concept of running deep-sea moorings as UNOLS facilities.

3:45 pm Seismic Acquisition Issues and UNOLS Fleet Capabilities - Tom Shipley attended an IGPP Seismic Acquisition Workshop where a number of issues related to UNOLS arose, see *Attachment 2*. Tom will lead a discussion on this topic.

4:15 pm New Ship Construction - Updates since the September Council meeting on the status of:

- Skidaway's plans for construction of R/V SAVANNAH
- Miami's construction of F. G. WALTON SMITH (CALANUS replacement)
- Replacement of CAPE HENLOPEN
- Regional Ship Replacement Activities
- ALPHA HELIX Replacement plans
- WHOI's plans to build a SWATH vessel
- AGOR 26 construction

4:50 pm SEA CLIFF and ATV Report:

SEA CLIFF - The status of WHOI's DSV SEA CLIFF engineering study will be reported.

ATV – Future plans for ATV will be reported.

End Session on Future Fleet and Facility Planning

Evening Session - An evening session will be conducted during and after dinner to continue discussion on the recommendations of the fleet review report.

Thursday, February 3, 2000**Session on ship scheduling and related issues**

8:30 am Discussion on any ship scheduling problems in 2000 - Bob Knox will identify any potential issues related to ship scheduling in 2000.

9:00 am NAVO/Navy Ship Time – The future of NAVO/Navy needs for use of UNOLS ships will be discussed.

9:15 am White Paper on Ship Scheduling – Jack Bash will review the latest modifications to the White Paper on ship scheduling.

End of session on scheduling and related issues

9:30 am UNOLS Office Transfer – Mike Prince will report plans for the UNOLS Office Transfer.

9:45 am MATE Knowledge and Skill Guidelines - The Marine Advanced Technology Education Center (MATE) has developed Knowledge and Skill Guidelines for marine technicians, see **Attachment 3**. They have asked permission to place the UNOLS Logo on the front cover and acknowledge UNOLS' assistance in developing the guidelines. RVTEC voted in favor of recommending that the UNOLS Council consider MATE's request to use the UNOLS logo and name in their Guidelines.

10:05 am Nomination Committee Appointments - The first terms of Bob Knox (Chair), Tim Cowles, Barbara Prezelin, and Tom Shipley are expiring in 2000 as well as the second term of Tom Royer (Vice Chair). The list of necessary qualifications in accordance with the current Charter is provided in **Attachment 4**. A list of past council members is also included in the Attachment. Appointments for this year's nominating committee will be recommended.

10:20 am UNOLS Charter Clarification - Modification of the UNOLS Charter is necessary to clarify the procedures for filling unexpired Council terms.

10:30 am Morning Break

10:45 am HEALY Public Relations Visit in Baltimore - Jack Bash will discuss plans for HEALY's visit to Baltimore on 20-22 March.

11:00 am Winch and Wire Symposium – Jack Bash will provide an overview of the Winch and Wire Symposium held in December.

11:15 am DESCEND Workshop – Patty Fryer will provide an overview of the DEveloping Submergence SCience into the Next Decade, DESCEND workshop. The workshop was held on October 25-27, 1999.

11:30 am UNOLS/NMFS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Jack Bash will review the status of the draft MOU between NMFS and UNOLS.

11:40 am Two-Year Review of the NOAA/OAR and UNOLS MOU – Review of the UNOLS and NOAA/OAR MOU is required every two years. The status of the MOU readoption by NOAA/OAR will be provided.

11:50 am UNOLS Brochure – A status report on the UNOLS brochure update will be provided.

11:55 am Review meetings calendar (below), and other business.

- **2000 Annual meeting** - Ways to improve participation will be discussed. Recommendations for Keynote Speaker.

12:15 pm Adjourn

Calendar for UNOLS Meetings

MEETING	LOCATION	DATES
FIC	Norfolk to Baltimore (HEALY)	March 19-20, 2000
DESSC	Woods Hole, MA	Spring 2000
SSC	NSF, Arlington, VA	Summer 2000
UNOLS Council	????	Summer 2000
Schedule Review	NSF, Arlington, VA	Sept, 2000
UNOLS Council	NSF, Arlington, VA	Sept, 2000
UNOLS Annual	NSF, Arlington, VA	Sept, 2000
RVTEC	Palisades, NY	Sept, 2000
RVOC	Newport, OR	Fall 2000
DESSC	AGU - San Francisco, CA	Dec 2000
