



Call for Nominations Deep Submergence Science Committee Chair Position *Cut-off date: April 22, 2016*

The UNOLS Deep Submergence Science Committee (DeSSC) is seeking nominations for the Chair position that will open in spring 2016. The DeSSC is the UNOLS Committee charged with providing oversight and advice to the National Deep Submergence Facility (NDSF) Operator on matters concerning utilization, upgrades, and long-term planning of its vehicles (*Alvin, Jason, and Sentry*). The Committee strives to maintain awareness of new scientific tools, the needs of the users for new sensors and equipment to address important scientific questions, and to provide this information to the NDSF Operator, UNOLS, and funding agencies (NSF, NOAA and ONR).

The DeSSC Chair presides over the biannual DESSC meetings and serves as a liaison between the deep submergence community, the NDSF operator, and the funding agencies. Important activities underway that require the attention of the DeSSC Chair include leading DeSSC in providing advice and guidance to the NDSF, engaging the next generation of NDSF users, and advancing the deep-ocean research agenda/vision in the US, including leading the implementation of DESCEND2 workshop recommendations. The DeSSC Chair also serves as a member of the UNOLS Council, which meets twice annually in person and once via web conference. The Term of office for the Chair position is three years with the possibility of reappointment for a second term. The new Chair would assume his/her responsibilities after the spring DeSSC 2016 meeting. To assist in the transition of leadership, the current DeSSC Chair, Peter Girguis, will continue to serve on the committee (but as a regular member) through December 2016.

Additional information about the DeSSC, including the Terms of Reference, can be found on the UNOLS website at <https://www.unols.org/committee/deep-submergence-science-committee-dessc>. For information about Chair responsibilities contact the DeSSC Chair, Peter Girguis at pgirguis@oeb.harvard.edu.

Scientists interested in serving as DeSSC Chair should submit the following information:

- Two-page current C.V.
- One page statement of interest that should include your vision for Deep Submergence Science over the next decade.
- Summary of experience using deep submergence facilities.

Copies of these materials should be sent to the UNOLS Office office@unols.org by **April 22, 2016**. The UNOLS Chair will appoint the new DeSSC Chair based on the nomination made by the DESSC Committee.