

UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 2 February 1998
Tremont Hotel, Conference Room
Tuesday, 3 February 1998
Texas A&M Library
Galveston, TX 77550

Meeting Agenda

Call the Meeting: Ken Johnson, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., 2 February 1998.

Accept Minutes of the September, 1997 Council Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ken Johnson 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 for distribution to meeting participants.) Chairs will identify any important issues that need to be addressed further by the Council.

AGENCY and OTHER REPORTS: Reports from agency representatives on funding outlooks, facility updates, and special projects:

Department of State - Tom Cocke

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration - written report

National Science Foundation - Don Heinrichs

Naval Oceanographic Center - CMD Jim Trees

Oceanographer of the Navy - Pat Dennis

Office of Naval Research - Sujata Millick

Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education - Capt. Daniel Schwartz

UNOLS ISSUES:

NSB Actions: ODP and Ship Operations - Don Heinrichs will report on NSF plans for review of academic ship operations. *Enclosure 1* is an e-mail message from Don Heinrichs dated 12/2/97 regarding this topic.

UNOLS Town Meeting - Ken Johnson will review plans and discussion for the UNOLS Town Meeting to be held at the 1998 Ocean Sciences Meeting on 12 February in San Diego.

Charter Review - Clare Reimers will introduce the recommended changes to the UNOLS Charter and structure as prepared by the ad hoc committee (*Enclosure 2*).

- Council Nominating Process Discussion - The terms of Ken Johnson, Chair; Tom Royer, Vice Chair; Dick Pittenger; and Robert Wall are expiring.

Clearance Issues - Discussion on Mexican Clearance Issues as reported in Bob Knox's e-mail message of 27 January.

AGOR 26 Construction Update - Sujata Millick will provide an update on the Navy's construction of AGOR 26, SWATH research vessel.

Results of The Glosten Associates' Study on Regulatory Changes - Jack Bash will review the results of the Glosten Associates' study regarding the impact of new USCG regulatory changes on new ship construction.

NOAA Fishery Needs - Ken Johnson and Larry Atkinson will provide an update on UNOLS activities related to fisheries oceanography platform needs.

Long Term Utilization of the UNOLS Fleet - Discussion on ship use projections for the future and expectations for NAVO funding in the outyears.

SEA CLIFF and ATV Retirement Plans - Sujata Millick will review plans for the future of DSV SEA CLIFF and ATV following their retirement from the Navy.

Ship Scheduling Improvements - Jack Bash will report on the progress of the improvements to the UNOLS ship scheduling process.

AGOR Z-drive Thruster Status - Bob Knox and Dick Pittenger will review the latest status of any AGOR Z-drive issues.

Interim Fleet Improvement Plan (IFIP) - Ken Johnson will present revisions to the Interim Fleet Improvement Plan.

Long Range Issues - Identification of long range issues for UNOLS Council attention.

UNOLS Membership Activity - Ken Johnson has been polling UNOLS Member representatives to determine why attendance was low at the Annual Meeting. Discussion on how to increase UNOLS participation.

Applications for UNOLS Membership -

- The University of California at Santa Cruz has applied for UNOLS Membership. A copy of their application is included as *Enclosure 3*.
- The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium applied for UNOLS Membership in September. Discussion on the status of their application.

UNOLS Brochure - Update on plans for updating the UNOLS brochure.

New Ship Construction - Update on Skidaway's construction of R/V SAVANNAH. Update on plans for replacement of CALANUS.

Calendar for UNOLS Meetings:

MEETING	LOCATION	DATES
AICC	New Orleans, LA	21-22 Jan 1998
UNOLS Council	Galveston, TX	2-3 Feb 1998
UNOLS Town Meeting	San Diego, CA	12 Feb 1998
FIC	Woods Hole, MA	May 1998
Ship Scheduling Review	Arlington, VA	Spring 1998
DESSC	Woods Hole, MA	Spring 1998

- Ken Johnson will be attending the Heinz Foundation Meeting, Ocean Science and Technology: The Next 25 Years, Feb. 6-7, NAS Beckman Center.

Adjournment