

# UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING

## AGENDA

**January 16-17, 1997**  
**Biosphere 2 Center**  
**Oracle, AZ**

Call the Meeting: Ken Johnson, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on 16 January, 1997.

Accept Minutes of September, 1997 Meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **DEep Submergence Science Committee** - Mike Perfit, Chair, will report on ALVIN and ROV operations and highlights of the December DESSC meeting.
- **Fleet Improvement Committee** - Chris Mooers, Chair, will summarize the outcome of the December FIC meeting.
- **Research Vessel Operators' Committee** - Paul Ljunggren, Chair, will report on RVOC's 1996 Annual Meeting and plans for the upcoming year.
- **Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee** - John Freitag, Chair, will summarize the highlights of the RVTEC 1996 Annual Meeting and provide an update of plans for 1997.
- **Ship Scheduling Committee** - Don Moller, Chair, will summarize the 1997 ship schedules including the NAVO funded ship time.
- **Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee** - Jim Swift, Chair, will report on the fall AICC meetings and science modifications for HEALY.

**AGENCY REPORTS:** Reports from agency representatives on funding outlooks and special projects:

- **National Science Foundation** - Don Heinrichs
- **Office of Naval Research & Oceanographer of Navy** - Pat Dennis
- **National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration** - Beth White
- **National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration/OAR** - Beth White
- **Naval Oceanographic Center** -
- **Naval Undersea Research Program** -
- **United States Coast Guard** -
- **Department of State** - Tom Cocke

### UNOLS ISSUES:

**Science Mission Requirements for Central Pacific** - Pat Dennis will provide a status on the Navy's plan for construction of a replacement vessel for MOANA WAVE. Ken Johnson and Chris Mooers will review FIC's efforts to develop Science Mission Requirements for the central Pacific. Attachment 1 provides a prioritized list of requirements developed by FIC and University of Hawaii representatives.

**Interim Fleet Improvement Plan (IFIP)** - Chris Mooers will present the Interim Fleet Improvement Plan for Council Adoption, see Attachment 2.

**Fleet Improvement Plan Update** - Chris Mooers will review the FIC plans for updating the Fleet Improvement Plan.

**Future NAVO Funding** - Ken Johnson will lead a discussion on the future for funding from NAVO.

**NOAA/UNOLS Cooperation** - Ken Johnson will lead a discussion on the NOAA/UNOLS cooperation planning including the status of R/V RON BROWN being brought into the UNOLS scheduling process.

**Reassessing the Status of a UNOLS Research Vessel** - Bob Wall will review his subcommittee's recommendations for a modified model for the ships of the UNOLS Fleet, see Attachment 3.

**Scheduling Ad-hoc Review Group** - Don Moller and Jack Bash will report on the outcome of the Scheduling Ad-hoc Review Group meeting. The Group, chaired by Rick Jahnke, met on 7 January to review the UNOLS scheduling procedures and provide recommendations for improvement.

**White Paper on Crewing Requirements** - Ken Johnson will lead a discussion on Coast Guard Regulations regarding crew size requirements.

**Concept Design for an Intermediate/Coastal Research Vessel** - At the December FIC meeting, a chart of the estimated use-life of each UNOLS vessel was presented, see Attachment 4. It was determined that now is the time to start planning for the replacement of the intermediate/coastal class vessels. Ken Johnson will provide tasking for development of a conceptual design for intermediates.

**SEA CLIFF Retirement** - The Navy plans to retire the submersible SEA CLIFF at the end of FY98. DESSC has been requested to provide the Navy with recommendations for future uses of the vehicle. Mike Perfit will review DESSC's plans regarding this topic.

**Ship Inspection Program** - Jack Bash will review the status of the UNOLS Ship Inspection Program.

**CORE/UNOLS Cooperation** - Ken Johnson will report on discussions with Rick Spinrad, CORE.

**Undersea Vehicles and National Needs** - The National Research Council has published a report on undersea vehicles and national needs. They are willing to review their findings with UNOLS and DESSC.

**Post Cruise Assessments** - Paul Ljunggren will review the status of the electronic Post Cruise Assessment report.

**New Ship Construction** - Dick Pittenger will update the Council on the status of ATLANTIS.

#### **UNOLS Committee Appointments:**

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Ken Johnson will appoint new members.
- RVOC - Paul Ljunggren, Chair; Steve Rabalais, Vice-Chair
- RVTEC - John Freitag, Chair
- AICC - Jim Swift, Chair - Jim will announce appointments for the AICC.

#### **Calendar for UNOLS Meetings:**

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATES</b>
DESSC Working Group	Arlington, VA	20 March 1997
DESSC	Woods Hole, MA	July 1997
Ship Scheduling Review	Arlington, VA	June 1997
AICC	Arlington, VA	30 April - 2 May 1997
FIC	URI/GSO, RI	21-22 July 1997
Council	Grand Heaven, MI	24-25 June 1997
Ship Scheduling Committee	Arlington, VA	15 September 1997
Scheduling Review	Arlington, VA	16 September 1997
UNOLS Council	Arlington, VA	17 September 1997
UNOLS Annual	Arlington, VA	18 September 1997
RVOC	Woods Hole, MA	21 - 23 October 1997

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27 - 29 October 1997  
7 December 1997

*Adjournment*