

UNOLS ANNUAL MEETING

National Science Foundation, Board Room 1235
4201 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA

8:30 A.M., Thursday, 14 September 1995

AGENDA

Introduction and Welcome: Ken Johnson, UNOLS Chair will report on 1994-1995 activities, current issues and issues continuing into 1996.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Michael Purdy, Director of Ocean Sciences Division at the National Science Foundation will provide the keynote address for the 1995 UNOLS Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fleet Improvement Committee: Chris Mooers, Chair, will report on 1995 FIC meetings and activities. He will present FIC's 3-year agenda. A review of studies (vans, safety training/orientation) that are currently underway will be provided along with a review of the recently conducted "UNOLS Customer Survey".

Research Vessel Operators Committee: Mike Prince, Chair, will report on 1994-1995 RVOC activities, issues and the upcoming RVOC meeting in San Diego, CA. He will review modifications to the RVOC Safety Standards.

DEep Submergence Science Committee: Michael Perfit, Chair, will review DESSC activities, equipment/instrumentation upgrades and improvements for the National Deep Submergence Facility, and plans for ALVIN's overhaul in 1996. He will also report on ALVIN and ROV operations in 1995 and plans for 1996.

Ship Scheduling Committee: Don Moller, Chair, will report on the scheduling process during 1995, schedules for 1996, costs balanced against expected funds and recommendations from the SSC.

Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee: Rich Findley, Chair, will report on 1995-1996 RVTEC activities, issues and the upcoming meeting in Monterey, CA.

AGENCY REPORTS

Federal Agency Reports: Information from Federal Agencies (DOE, DOS, MMS, NOAA, NOO, NRL, NSF, ONR, USCG and USGS) on 1995 funding, forecasts for 1996 and beyond, ship operations and science support. Other areas of discussion will include:

- NSF will report on activities/plans for 1996 and beyond.
- ONR will report on the construction of AGOR-24 and AGOR-25 and will review the status of the study to modify AGOR 25 as a support ship for ALVIN.
- NRL/ONR cost sharing arrangement to utilize UNOLS vessels will be discussed.
- NOAA will discuss their ship time use of UNOLS vessels and the status of their fleet.
- DOE will provide the latest funding information.
- NOO will discuss the construction and retirement status of the Navy's research vessels.
- USCG will report on the status of the construction of their Ice-Breaker, HEALY.
- Department of State/Office of Ocean Affairs - Tom Cocke, will summarize the 1995 clearance status.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch Break 12:00 - 1:00

"Potential Changes on the Horizon for the UNOLS Fleet" - An Ad-hoc Committee was formed following the UNOLS Council spring meeting to evaluate potential changes facing the fleet and recommend responses. Peter Betzer, Chair, will report on the ad-hoc committees activities to date.

UNOLS ISSUES

Issues before UNOLS: Various issues of interest to UNOLS Members have arisen during the year. The UNOLS Chair will introduce these issues or elaborate on remarks made earlier:

- KNORR/AGOR 25 - Conversion Plans to Submersible Support Ship
- Arctic Research Vessel
- Organization of UNOLS HEALY Committee for USCG
- Coastal Zone Research Vessel Plans/Activities
- Primer/Inventory of Small R/Vs
- UNOLS on World Wide Web
- Opportunity on Nuclear Submarines and the Workshop Final Report
- Proposals for Mid-life refits - (NEW HORIZON, POINT SUR, CAPE HATTERAS)
- Status of COLUMBUS ISELIN
- Radio Officer/GPS

UNOLS Members may wish to raise additional issues.

UNOLS MEMBERSHIP VOTES: The following issues require a membership vote for approval:

- Amendment of the UNOLS Charter.

UNOLS Elections: Election for the following UNOLS Council positions will be held:

UNOLS Council Member: at large, affiliated with any Member institution (3-year term).

UNOLS Council Member: from among designated representatives of UNOLS Non-Operator Institutions (3-year term).

UNOLS Appointments to Committees: The UNOLS Chair will announce new appointments to DESSC, FIC, RVOC, RVTEC and SSC in accordance with the UNOLS Charter.

Other Business: Other issues, actions or recommendations as might be introduced.