

# UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING

**February 16-17, 1999**  
**Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science**  
**Library Chart Room**  
**Miami, FL**

## *Tuesday*

**8:30 am Call the Meeting:** Bob Knox, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., February 16, 1999.

**8:40 am** Accept Minutes of the September 1998 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 for distribution to meeting participants.) Chairs will identify any important issues that need to be addressed further by the Council. ***10 minutes per report for presentation and discussion combined, six committees.***

**9:45 am AGENCY and OTHER REPORTS:** Reports from agency representatives and CORE on funding outlooks, facility updates, and special projects.

***10 minutes per report for presentation and discussion combined; 20-minute morning break inserted.***

- **Department of State**
- **National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration** - CDR Elizabeth White
- **National Marine Fisheries Service** - Jim Meehan
- **National Science Foundation** - Dolly Dieter
- **Naval Oceanographic Center**
- **Oceanographer of the Navy** - Pat Dennis
- **Office of Naval Research** - Tim Pfeiffer
- **United States Coast Guard**

## **UNOLS ISSUES:**

**11:45 am Public Outreach Plans** - Jack Bash will review the public outreach efforts conducted in 1998. Suggestions for 1999 public outreach plans will be discussed.

## **12:00 Lunch Break**

**1:15 pm NSF Academic Research Fleet Review** - Dolly Dieter will provide a status report on the NSF Academic Fleet Review. Discussion of this process, future implications of the results.

**1:45 pm Introduction to session on aspects of future fleet evolution** - Bob Knox will present data prepared by ONR (Pat Dennis) showing future evolutions and retirements in UNOLS and federal fleets. General discussion of implications of this, coupled with current-era underutilization, multiple origins of fleet changes, etc. Can the system evolve to ca. 2015 in an orderly way, preserving balance between facilities and science programs? If so, what strategic planning steps involving UNOLS and agencies are

needed to effect this evolution?

**2:15 pm Alaskan Science Mission Requirements (SMR)** - Larry Atkinson will review the final draft of the SMRs for an ALPHA HELIX replacement vessel, (see *Enclosure 1*). The Council will discuss endorsement of the SMRs and plans on how to proceed with the replacement process.

**2:45 pm Future MCS Ship Needs** - Bob Knox will report on a recent EOS article (Dec. 15) reporting the need for a greatly enhanced MCS capability. Information on the desired ship is at:

[http://www.pgs.com/content\\_exp\\_sub.asp?documentid=79](http://www.pgs.com/content_exp_sub.asp?documentid=79) UNOLS' role in planning for this capability will be discussed.

**3:00 pm Afternoon Break**

**3:20 pm AGOR 26 Construction Update** - An update on the Navy's construction of AGOR 26, SWATH research vessel will be provided.

**3:40 pm New Ship Construction** - Updates on Skidaway's construction of R/V SAVANNAH and Miami's replacement plans for CALANUS will be provided. UConn's new vessel RV CONNECTICUT will also be discussed.

**4:00 pm SEA CLIFF Report** - The status of DSV SEA CLIFF engineering study by WHOI will be discussed.

**4:20 pm The UNOLS Biennial Review of Sea Going Oceanographic Facilities** - Larry Atkinson will report on FIC's plans to prepare a UNOLS Biennial Review of Sea Going Oceanographic Facilities. General discussion of future roles of FIC and Council in planning/advocating facilities.

End of session on aspects of future fleet evolution.

*Wednesday*

**Session on scheduling and related issues:**

**8:30 am White Paper on Ship Scheduling** - At the last Council Meeting there was a discussion on the Interchangeability of Ships. It was recommended that a white paper be developed to educate PIs on the fleet capabilities and scheduling process. Jack Bash will review the outline for the paper.

**8:45 am Post Cruise Assessments** - Jack Bash will review proposed plans for reviewing Post Cruise Assessments and procedures for follow-up.

**9:00 am Ship Scheduling Improvements** - Jack Bash will report on the latest progress of the improvements to the UNOLS ship scheduling process.

**9:20 am Discussion of scheduling problems** - Bob Knox will lead a discussion/assessment of recent instances in which projects that have attained approved or "funded" status on UNOLS schedules have subsequently been changed/reduced/eliminated, for varying reasons. Are these random glitches or a worsening trend? Goal is to identify ways to reduce such disruptions in future. Agency inputs are invited and essential to any solution. Situations involved include GLOBEC 1999 (NOAA, NSF), ALVIN/ATLANTIS 1999 (NOAA/NURP), MELVILLE/PACS 1998 (NOAA/OAR), REVELLE/South China Sea 1999-2000 (ONR).

**End of session on scheduling and related issues.**

**10:00 am Morning break**

**10:20 am UNOLS Meetings with Washington Representatives** - Bob Knox will report on the series of meetings held in Washington DC to meet Navy, NOAA and Congressional representatives.

**10:40 am Plans for Deep Submergence Workshop, 1999** - DESSC Chair Patty Fryer will give an update.

**11:00 am NOAA Fishery Needs** - Bob Knox will report on the proposal by WHOI and SIO to conduct AMLR work off the Antarctic. A discussion on potential future fisheries work by UNOLS vessels will follow.

**11:15 am UNOLS/NMFS Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** - At the last Council meeting there was a suggestion to establish a MOA between NMFS and UNOLS. Bob Knox will report on the status.

**11:30 am SeaNet Update** - A report on the progress of the SeaNet installations will be provided.

**11:45 am UNOLS Brochure** - The status of plans for updating the UNOLS brochure will be discussed.

**12:00 Lunch Break**

**1:15 pm UNOLS Office Transfer** - The current UNOLS Office grant with the University of Rhode Island will expire on 30 April, 2000. Two institutions have expressed interest in hosting the office. Bob Knox will announce the members of the review committee and discuss methods of the review process.

**1:30 pm UNOLS Charter Review** - Jack Bash will review the results of the UNOLS Charter Revision Vote.

**1:45 pm Nomination Committee Appointments** - The first terms of Dennis Hansell and Clare Reimers are expiring in 1999. Appointments for this year's nominating committee will be recommended.

**2:00 pm Application for UNOLS Membership** - The membership applications of the Southern California Marine Institute and the New Jersey Marine Science Consortium will be discussed (see *Enclosure 2*). These applications were deferred at previous meetings and would be readdressed after the Charter revision vote.

**2:20 pm Review meetings calendar (below), other business, catchup items.**

- **1999 Annual Meeting** - Recommendations for Keynote Speaker.
- Executive Committee Appointments

**3:00 pm Adjourn**

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### Calendar for UNOLS Meetings:

| MEETING                   | LOCATION               | DATES            |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| AICC                      | New Orleans, LA        | 25-26 March 1999 |
| DESSC                     | Woods Hole, MA         | Spring 1999      |
| Ship Scheduling Committee | NSF, Arlington, VA     | Summer 1999      |
| UNOLS Council             | ????                   | Summer           |
| Schedule Review           | NSF, Arlington, VA     | Sept, 1999       |
| UNOLS Council             | NSF, Arlington, VA     | Sept, 1999       |
| UNOLS Annual              | NSF, Arlington, VA     | Sept, 1999       |
| RVTEC                     | Pt. Aransas, TX        | Oct 20-22, 1999  |
| RVOC                      | Ft. Pierce, FL         | Nov 2-4, 1999    |
| DESSC                     | AGU, San Francisco, CA | Dec 1999         |

