

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Fleet Improvement Committee Chair

The Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC) is requesting nominations for the Chair position. Candidates should be experienced in the UNOLS Fleet and shipboard science activities.

The FIC works to assure the continuing excellence of the UNOLS fleet, to improve the capability and effectiveness of individual ships and to assure that the number, mix and overall capability of ships in the UNOLS fleet match the science requirements of academic oceanography in the U.S. The FIC serves as a liaison and planning activity as well as an information source for federal agency representatives concerning long range planning, and funding for design, construction or improvement of vessels for the UNOLS fleet. Candidates for the Chair position should be willing to address UNOLS Fleet Renewal issues, particularly the efforts related to Ocean Class and Regional Class designs efforts.

The FIC Chair can be from any UNOLS institution. The term of office is for three years, for no more than two consecutive terms.

The current FIC membership includes:

- Larry Atkinson, FIC Chair (ODU)
- Ron Benner (U. So. Carolina)
- Dave Hebert (URI)
- Chris Measures (U.Hawaii)
- Clare Reimers (OSU)
- Niall Slowey (TAMU)
- Terry Whitledge (U.Alaska)
- RVOC ex-officio member

FIC members are expected to attend two FIC meetings annually. One meeting is normally held in September in conjunction with the UNOLS Council and Annual meetings at the National Science Foundation in Arlington, VA. The second meeting is typically held in the winter and the location will vary from year to year. Additionally, the FIC Chair is a voting member of the UNOLS Council and is expected to attend their three meetings annually.

All nominations for FIC Chair should be accompanied by:

1. The nominee's current C.V.
2. A statement of interest from the nominee to serve on FIC
3. The nominee's summary of experience using research vessels and other oceanographic facilities.

Copies of these materials should be sent to the UNOLS Office <office@unols.org> . For more information please contact the UNOLS Office. The UNOLS Chair will appoint the new FIC Chair from recommendations made by the FIC. The new Chair position will become effective in October 2003.