

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **Fleet Improvement Committee Members**

The Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC) is requesting nominations for three new committee members. Members of the FIC should be experienced in shipboard science activities.

The Fleet Improvement Committee 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.

The UNOLS Charter requires that at least three FIC members be from UNOLS operator institutions, at least three members be from institutions or organizations other than operators, and two members be from any UNOLS institution. Terms for all members are three years, for no more than two consecutive terms.

The current FIC membership includes:

- Larry Atkinson, FIC Chair (ODU)
- Dave Hebert (URI)
- Chris Measures (U.Hawaii)
- Niall Slowey (TAMU)
- Bill Smethie (LDEO)
- Terry Whitley (U.Alaska)
- Joe Coburn, ex-officio member (WHOI)

The three vacancies on the FIC are for one Operator Institution representative and two Non-operator Institution representatives. The committee membership should represent diverse disciplines and broad geographic interests. To maintain a disciplinary balance on the committee, individuals with a biology or geochemistry background are desired. Additionally, an individual with research interests in the Pacific area is desired. Nominees should be willing to address UNOLS Fleet Renewal issues, particularly the efforts related to Ocean Class and Regional Class Science Mission Requirements and designs.

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.

All nominations for the FIC 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> by November 1, 2002. For more information please contact Larry Atkinson (FIC Chair) at <latkinso@odu.edu> or the UNOLS Office at <office@unols.org>. The UNOLS Chair will appoint the new FIC members from recommendations made by the FIC.