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ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, May 22-23, 1980
Park Central Hotel, Room 1101
Washington, D.C.

GENERAL: This two-session meeting was held in conjunction with the UNOLS Annual Meeting of the same dates.

The following were present:

G. Anderson, Ch.	T. Treadwell
R. Fisher	J. Zeigler
G. Keller	
J. Martin	***
B. Robison	M. Johrde
T. Rossby	J. McMillan
J. Schubel	T. Stetson

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the Advisory Council's meeting 28-29 February 1980 were accepted after a spelling correction was made.

2. ABSENCES: If the Advisory Council is to discharge its responsibilities as expressed in the Charter, then it is imperative that members strive to attend each of the four regular meetings.

Making recommendations to the federal funding agencies often involves a continuing effort and individual or collective assignments evolve in such a way as to make attendance at regular meetings very important.

Accordingly the Executive Secretary was asked to draft an amendment to the Charter dealing with the possibility of continued absences on the part of a Council member from regular Council meetings.

3. TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (TAC): A report summarizing Mr. C. Tollios' viewgraphs from his presentation earlier in the day on TAC's progress was distributed to Council members.

After discussion the feeling was that the subject of minimum basic vessel capabilities would occupy a large part of the Council's August meeting.

4. OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (OTA): A draft report of OTA, entitled "Plans for Oceanographic Ships in the 1980's". was made available to the Council for review and comments. The Executive Secretary was directed to mail copies to Council members who hadn't seen it.

5. UCSB APPLICATION: The Marine Science Institute, University of California, Santa Barbara, had recently applied for associate membership. The Council agreed to recommend in favor to the membership at the next day's business meeting.

6. R/V SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS: As is generally known, the University of Miami has acted as lead institution in scheduling time on NASA's ATSS. Presently, the following UNOLS members are making use of these voice and data links:

Oregon State Univ.	Univ. of Miami
Scripps	L-DGO
Texas A&M Univ.	Univ. of R.I.
Univ. of Texas	W.H.O.I.

In as much the Council agrees with the recommendation that the capability be preserved and since the NSF grant supporting the Miami facility is to expire in July, the Executive Secretary was asked if the UNOLS Office could undertake support of one technician and his service. At this writing it is being looked into.

7. SHIP SCHEDULING: To facilitate the carrying out of the Council's role in making fleet recommendations, it was decided again to ask the operators next day for copies of their tentative 1981 schedules, five-year budgets, and table 1C (shiptime costs for projects CY 1981).

These coupled with any early decisions on project funding would enable the Council to make recommendations on layups and scheduling. Discussion continued on the two tentative plans re scheduling that were presented earlier in the day; JOI, Inc.'s plan to divide the fleet into regional, global and dedicated entities and that of establishing a "ship utilization review committee" such as was done with ALPHA HELIX or ALVIN.

There seemed to be unanimous agreement to work with JOI, Inc. towards an acceptable solution. Accordingly a working group was appointed, subject to concurrence by the membership, as follows:

G. Anderson	G. Shor
R. Dinsmore	T. Treadwell
D. Hayes	B. Robison
J. Martin	G. Keller (as time permits)
T. Rossby	

8. OTHER: The Council reviewed the slates of candidates for both ALVIN Review Committee and the Council. UNOLS' part in post-cruise obligations was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2340, 23 May 1980. A brief meeting of the Council after the UNOLS Annual Business Meeting the following day saw Dr. G. Anderson again elected Council Chairman and Dr. T. Rossby elected as Vice-Chairman.

Thomas Stetson
Executive Secretary
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Upcoming Meeting Dates

7-8 August, Advisory Council, U. Wash., Seattle, WA
15-16 September, Technology Assessment Committee, Denver, CO

UNOLS Charter Amendment

If the Advisory Council is to discharge its responsibilities as expressed in the Charter (page 3, section 4) then it is imperative that members strive to attend each of the four regular meetings and others as may be called.

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Accordingly it is proposed to amend the Charter, section 4, by the addition of the following paragraphs:

If any member of the Advisory Council misses more than two meetings during any one year of his/her three-year term, he/she shall be presumed to have resigned.

A replacement shall be sought by the Council and passed on by the Membership at the next meeting.