

March 24, 2005

*Tentative Agenda*  
**UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 29, 2005, 8:30 am**  
**National Science Foundation**  
**Stafford II Building, 595**

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**0800 Coffee and Pastries**

**0830 Call the Meeting:** Peter Wiebe, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order. He will review the agenda and provide an opportunity for participant introductions.

- **Accept the minutes of the [October 2005 Council Meeting](#).** (or, [click this link for a pdf file of the draft minutes](#))

**0900 RADM Cohen, Chief of Naval Research,** will address the Council meeting participants via phone conference.

**0930 Agency Reports, Budget Projections, and Future Fleet Utilization** – Agency representatives from NSF, ONR, and NOAA will provide reports. The following topics will be covered and discussed:

- Letter from NSF asking for advice on reducing NSF's overall Fleet Operating Costs
- NSF utilization and budget projections
- Utilization by other agencies
  - NOAA DART moorings and other requirements
  - NAVY programs
- How much shortfall actually exists and are lay-ups required?
- Other Agency and CORE Reports:
  - Department of State - Status of Clearances Database (Elizabeth Tirpak)
  - USCG - John Berkson
  - CORE - Tom Jones
  - Others

**1130 Academic Fleet Renewal Activities and Plans:**

- Status of FOFC Fleet Renewal Plan (Bob Winokur)
- FIC Fleet Improvement Plan Update (Dave Hebert)

**A mid morning 15-minute break will be called at 1015.**

**1200 Lunch**

**1300 Academic Fleet Renewal Activities and Plans (continued from morning session)**

- Regional Class Acquisition Process
  - Performance Specifications
  - Community representation on Govt. Team for IPTs

- Operator Selection RFP
- Ocean Class Acquisition
  - Community letter to CNR on hull form
  - Budget approval status
  - Operator Selection RFP
  - IPT RFP, Performance Specifications, SMR prioritization
  - Community representation on Govt. Team for IPTs
- Global Class Science Mission Requirements – Community Input

**1430 Break**

**UNOLS Discussion Items:**

**1450 National Oceanographic Seismic Facility** – Ad hoc Committee Report - Terms of Reference/nominations (Marcia McNutt)

**1510 Ship Design, Construction, and Operational Changes**

- BBSR plan to acquire SEWARD JOHNSON II from HBOI and retire the WEATHERBIRD II
- GYRE Decommissioning Plans
- CAPE HENLOPEN Replacement Vessel
- Alaska Region Replacement Vessel
- R/V MARCUS LANGSETH
- Others?

**1530 Notification and reporting of mooring locations, safety zones, and release code conflicts**

**1600 Ocean Class Vessel Security Plans** – (Tim Askew)

**1630 Frequency Spectrum Management** – Frequency management liaison between managers and ocean sciences community

***Adjourn Day 1***

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**Day 2 – March 30, 2005**

**0800 Coffee and Pastries**

**0830 Open Day 2 Council Meeting:** Peter Wiebe, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order.

**0840 Americans with Disabilities Act Draft Guidelines**

**0910 Overboard Handling System Report** - Mike Prince

**0940 Acoustic and Marine Mammal Permitting Issues** (Sandy Shor)

- **NRC Report** - Marine Mammal Populations and Ocean Noise: Determining When Noise Causes Biologically Significant Effects
- **EWING's Last Cruise**
- **Acoustic permit problems, prospects for MARCUS LANGSETH operations**

**1000 Administration response to Ocean Commission Report** - Discussion on potential follow-up activities.

**1015 Break**

**1030 UNOLS STR/Scheduling Database** (Mike Prince)

**1100 UNOLS Office Competition** – The MLML UNOLS Office will complete their second 3-year term on April 30, 2006.

**1120 Opportunity for Additional Reports:**

- **Committee Reports** – Committee Chairs will have an opportunity to raise issues requiring Council attention.
- **Agency Representatives**
- **Council Members**

**1150 Other Business:**

- Annual meeting – Date, Keynote Speaker suggestions
- Form Nominating Committee – review Council membership and positions opening
- Calendar of UNOLS meetings for 2005

***1215 Adjourn***