

Revised: March 3, 2006

Tentative Agenda
UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING
Campus of San Jose State University
Student Union Building, 3rd Floor - Almaden Room
1 Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95172
March 14-15, 2006

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Day 1: The UNOLS Council will meet jointly with the UNOLS Fleet Improvement Committee

0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Call the Meeting: Peter Wiebe, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide an opportunity for introductions. Welcome by Dr. Vida Kenk, Interim Dean, College of Science, SJSU

- **Accept the minutes of the October 2005 Council Meeting.**

0845 Agency Reports, Budget Projections, Future Fleet Utilization, and Fleet Renewal Activities –
Introduction by Peter Wiebe

- NSF – (Mike Reeve)
 - Budget projections
 - Regional Class Acquisition Status, Operator Selection, and Timeline
 - ARRV Funding Status
- NOAA - DART moorings, Ocean Exploration, NURP, and other requirements (Beth White)
- NAVY – (John Freitag)
 - Budget projections, Utilization and Status of \$4.2M plus-up
 - Ocean Class Acquisition Process – John Freitag
 - Status of Design Funds
 - Timeline

1015 Break

1035 Agency Reports, Budget Projections, Future Fleet Utilization, and Fleet Renewal Activities
(continued)

- 2006 UNOLS Fleet schedules, estimated operation costs, and 2007 ship scheduling -Mike Prince and Liz Brenner
- Long-Term Considerations:
 - Fleet scheduling process in future years
 - Methods for reducing the time between proposal award and project scheduling
 - Review long-term recommendations from Marcia McNutt's ad-hoc committee. Determine if further action is required.
 - Global Class Mid-Life Refits? What are the needs and possibilities?
- Other Agency and CORE Reports:
 - USCG - John Berkson
 - Department of State - Elizabeth Tirpak
 - CORE – (presenter?)
 - Others

1200 Lunch

1300 Fleet Renewal Implementation Activities (Continued from AM):

- Other Facility Planning: *Alvin* Replacement Status – Dolly Dieter
- Open Discussion and Identification of Fleet Renewal Issues that require Council Attention

1345 Academic Fleet Renewal Plans:

- FOFC Fleet Renewal Plan Update – Beth White and/or Bob Houtman
- FIC Meeting Summary and Fleet Improvement Plan Update - Dave Hebert

1445 Break

1505 American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidelines – Review the task statement, committee membership, and project status. (Terry Whitledge)

1525 Ship Design, Construction, Conversion, Transfers, and UNOLS Vessel Designations

- *Marcus Langseth* Conversion Status (Jim Cochran)
- *Hugh R. Sharp* outfitting status and designation (A. DeSilva)
- *Seward Johnson II* modifications and designation (A. DeSilva)
- *Weatherbird II* Retirement status (A. DeSilva)

This concludes the joint meeting of the FIC and Council. The Council Meeting will continue with the agenda items listed below. FIC members are welcome to stay for these discussions.

1540 New Standing Committee for the National Oceanographic Facility (Seismic Vessel) –Start-up activities and plans for the Marcus Langseth Science Oversight Committee (MLSOC) – (Mike Prince)

1600 Safety Standards for Human Occupied Vehicles – Subcommittee status report. (Annette DeSilva)

1615 US Fish & Wildlife Service Importation Policy – Status of NSF and NOAA discussions to address issues that arose during summer 2005 cruise on R/V Ron Brown. (Mike Reeve/Beth White)

1630 Marine Mammals and Acoustic Permitting Update – Mike Reeve, NSF

1645 Adjourn Day One

Day 2: Council Meeting

0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Call the Meeting: Peter Wiebe, UNOLS Chair, will call Day 2 of the meeting to order.

0840 Review the Status of Past UNOLS Action Items (that haven't already been addressed) – Peter Wiebe

- **RVOC Safety Committee Membership and Safe Working Loads** – Tim Askew

- **Codes of Conduct - The Impact of Scientific Studies on the Environment** – Suggestion to invite an IOCN representative, or Margaret Hayes to a future UNOLS Meeting to address this topic.
- **UNOLS Briefing Package for Congressional Staffers, report on the CORE Ocean Public Policy Forum** - Peter Wiebe
- **Notification and reporting of mooring locations, safety zones, and release code conflicts** (Mike Prince)
- **Frequency Spectrum Management** – RVTEC has formed a subcommittee to liaison and provide input to CORF, Government managers and Otis Brown. (Stewart Lamerdin)
- **Gender Climate at sea** –RVOC has been tasked to address this issue. It has been recommended that a uniform Fleet policy be established to inform sea going scientists and crews on whom to report to in the event of a harassment incident. This information should be provided to the sea going party during the pre-cruise briefing. An example of SIO’s form, “Policies Regarding Alcohol, Drugs and Sexual Harrassment Aboard SIO Research Vessels” can be viewed at http://www.unols.org/meetings/2006/200603cnc/reading/SIO_DAandSH_pol.pdf. This form requires a signature from the scientists. (Tim Askew)

1015 Break

1035 Opportunity for Additional Reports:

- **Committee Reports** – Committee Chairs will have an opportunity to raise issues requiring Council attention. Written reports will be available in advance of the meeting.
 - AICC (Margo Edwards)
 - DESSC (Deb Kelley)
 - FIC (Dave Hebert – Report was provided earlier in meeting.)
 - RVOC (Tim Askew)
 - RVTEC (Stewart Lamerdin)
 - SCOAR (John Bane)
 - SSC (Liz Brenner)
 - MLSOC (Report was provided earlier in meeting.)
- **Agency Representatives**
- **Council Members**

1130 Other Business:

- Annual meeting:
 - Date – October 6, 2006
 - Keynote Speaker suggestions:
 - Leon E. Panetta
 - RADM Landay, CNR
- Form Nominating Committee to review Council membership and positions opening, and to recruit individuals to stand for election.
- Calendar of UNOLS meetings for 2006

1200 Adjourn