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Tentative Agenda

UNOLS ANNUAL MEETING
8:30 A.M., Friday, 6 October 2006
National Science Foundation, Room 1235
4201 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, VA

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0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Introduction and Welcome - Peter Wiebe, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and will give a brief summary of the issues of current interest to UNOLS. He will also summarize the major accomplishments within UNOLS over the last year. Participant introductions.

08:45 2007 Fleet Operations: Budget Impacts and UNOLS Recommendations – Peter Wiebe will summarize UNOLS and Agency activities over the past year to address budget shortfalls and its impact on fleet operations.

09:15 UNOLS Fleet Renewal Activities:

- Fleet Improvement Committee - Fleet Improvement Plan update and Future Facility Utilization Projections – Dave Hebert (FIC Chair)
- Federal Agency plans for Fleet Renewal Implementation:
 - National Science Foundation:
 - Regional Class Design Acquisition Status and Operator Selection
 - Alaska Region Research Vessel Acquisition Status (NSF)
 - R/V *Marcus G. Langseth* Conversion
 - Replacement Human Occupied Vehicle
 - Ocean Observatories Initiative
 - Ocean Class Acquisition Plans (ONR)
- FOFC Fleet Renewal Plan Update –FOFC (IWG-F)
- Announcement of Ship Retirements and Presentation of the Ancient Albatross Award

10:10 UNOLS Membership Votes: Ballots will be distributed.

Application for UNOLS Membership – Louisiana State University

UNOLS Elections: Elections for the following UNOLS Council positions will be held

- Chair Elect (2 year term) - individual affiliated with any UNOLS Member Institution. At the completion of the 2-year term, the candidate will become the UNOLS Chair.
- Operator Representative (3 year term) - from among designated UNOLS Member Operator institutions
- Non-Operator Representative (3 year term) - from among designated UNOLS Member Non-Operator institutions
- UNOLS Council Member At-large (3-year term) At-large, affiliated with any Member Institution.

The slate of nominees can be viewed at: <<http://www.unols.org/meetings/2006/200610anu/slate06.html>>.

10:15 Break**10:30 Federal Agency and CORE Reports:**

- **Federal Reports** - Information from Federal Agencies (NSF, ONR, NRL, Oceanographer of the Navy, NOAA, USCG, USGS, MMS, DOS and DOE) on 2006 activities and forecasts for 2007 and beyond. Dr. Julie Morris (NSF) has been invited to address the UNOLS membership

- **Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education** – A report on CORE activities of interest to UNOLS will be provided

11:00 COMMITTEE REPORTS – Peter Wiebe will introduce the UNOLS Committee Chairs who will report on their activities.

- **Ship Scheduling Committee (SSC)** – Rose Dufour, SSC Co-Chair, will review ship-scheduling issues over the past year and the activities that took place in order to establish 2007 schedules. The recommendations from the October scheduling meeting will be presented.
- **Research Vessel Operators' Committee (RVOC)** – Tim Askew, Chair, will review the highlights of the 2006 RVOC meeting and Committee activities over the past year. Tim will report on RVOC's efforts to define safe working loads for wire use and to address the issue of gender climate at sea will be reported.
- **Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC)** – Bill Martin, Chair, will report on RVTEC activities in 2005/2006 and plans for the RVTEC Annual Meeting and INMARTECH 2006 to be hosted by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He will report on the subcommittee's efforts to address frequency spectrum management issues.

11:30 Lunch Break

~ 12:00 noon ~
Keynote Address
The Honorable Leon E. Panetta,
Co-Chair, Joint Ocean Commission Initiative

13:00 UNOLS Elections Results – Results will be announced.

13:10 Committee Reports – continued

- **Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC)** – David Hebert, Chair, will report on the FIC Fleet Improvement Plan, activities in 2006, and plans for the upcoming year. The effort to establish ADA Guidelines for UNOLS vessels will be presented.
- **Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC)** – Carin Ashjian, AICC Vice-Chair, will report on the activities of the AICC in 2005/2006. She will report on science operations for *Healy* and the Polar Class Icebreakers in 2006 and planned for 2007. Operational funding for *Healy* as well as plans for repairs and service life extensions of the *Polar Star* and *Polar Sea* will be discussed.
- **DEep Submergence Science Committee (DESSC)** – Deb Kelley, DESSC Chair, will report on DESSC activities, the National Deep Submergence Facility updates. Major issues such as establishing criteria for considering new assets to the NDSF and the addition of ABE/Sentry to the Facility will be addressed. The status of efforts to establish safety standards will be reported.
- **Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR)** – John Bane, SCOAR Chair will report on the committee's activities in 2005/2006, the first Aircraft Oceanographic Workshop and major initiatives for the future.

Recognition of departing Council and Committee members

14:15 2006/2007 UNOLS Goals and Priorities - Peter Wiebe will present the 2006/2007 UNOLS Goals and Priorities as established by the UNOLS Council.

14:30 Rear Admiral Landay, Chief of Naval Research will address the UNOLS Membership.

15:00 UNOLS Other Business:

- UNOLS Appointments to Committees: The UNOLS Chair will announce new appointments to the Executive Committee and standing committees in accordance with the UNOLS Charter.
- Marine Mammals and Acoustic Permitting Issues
- Codes of Conduct – The Impact of Scientific Studies on the Environment
- UNOLS Briefing Package
- UNOLS STR/Scheduling Database
- UNOLS Dues Accounting
- UNOLS Calendar and activities at winter conferences
- UNOLS Members may wish to raise additional issues.

Adjourn