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AICC Report
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Changes for AICC and HEALY

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Chair as of January 2007

Robin Muench (ESR) replaces Robert Bourke (NPS) Jan 2007

Kate Moran (URI) replaces Margo Edwards (UH) June 2007

Peter Minnett (RSMAS) will cycle off September 2007

New representative from RVTEC about to be appointed

CAPT Ted Lindstrom is HEALY CO

CG issues report on HEALY accident in January 2007

The investigation into this accident revealed failures in oversight at every level aboard HEALY, as well as numerous departures from standard Coast Guard policy. This mishap further highlighted the need to improve diving expertise at units with dive capabilities and missions, address shortfalls in training and experience, and elevate program management and oversight on par with other high risk, training intensive Coast Guard operations such as aviation.

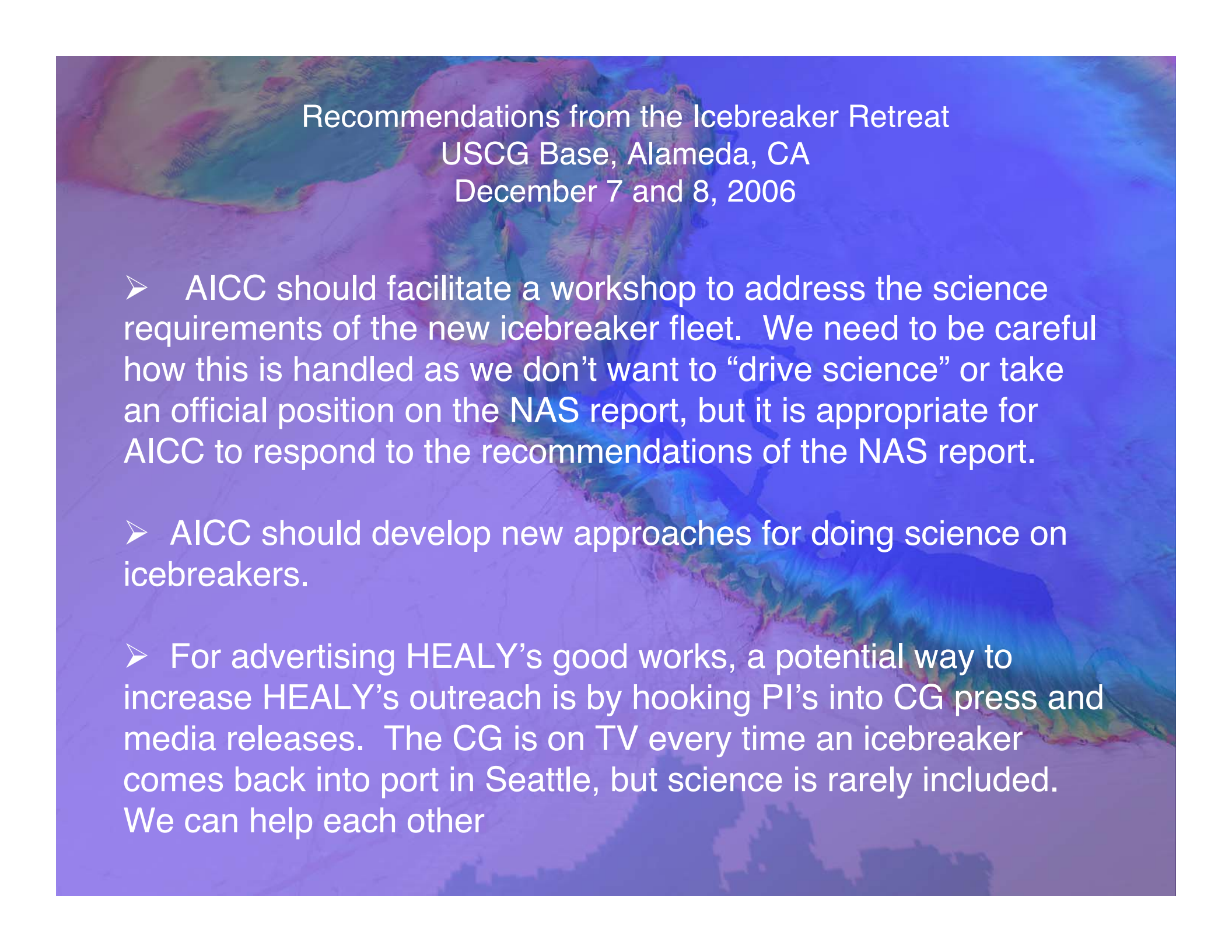






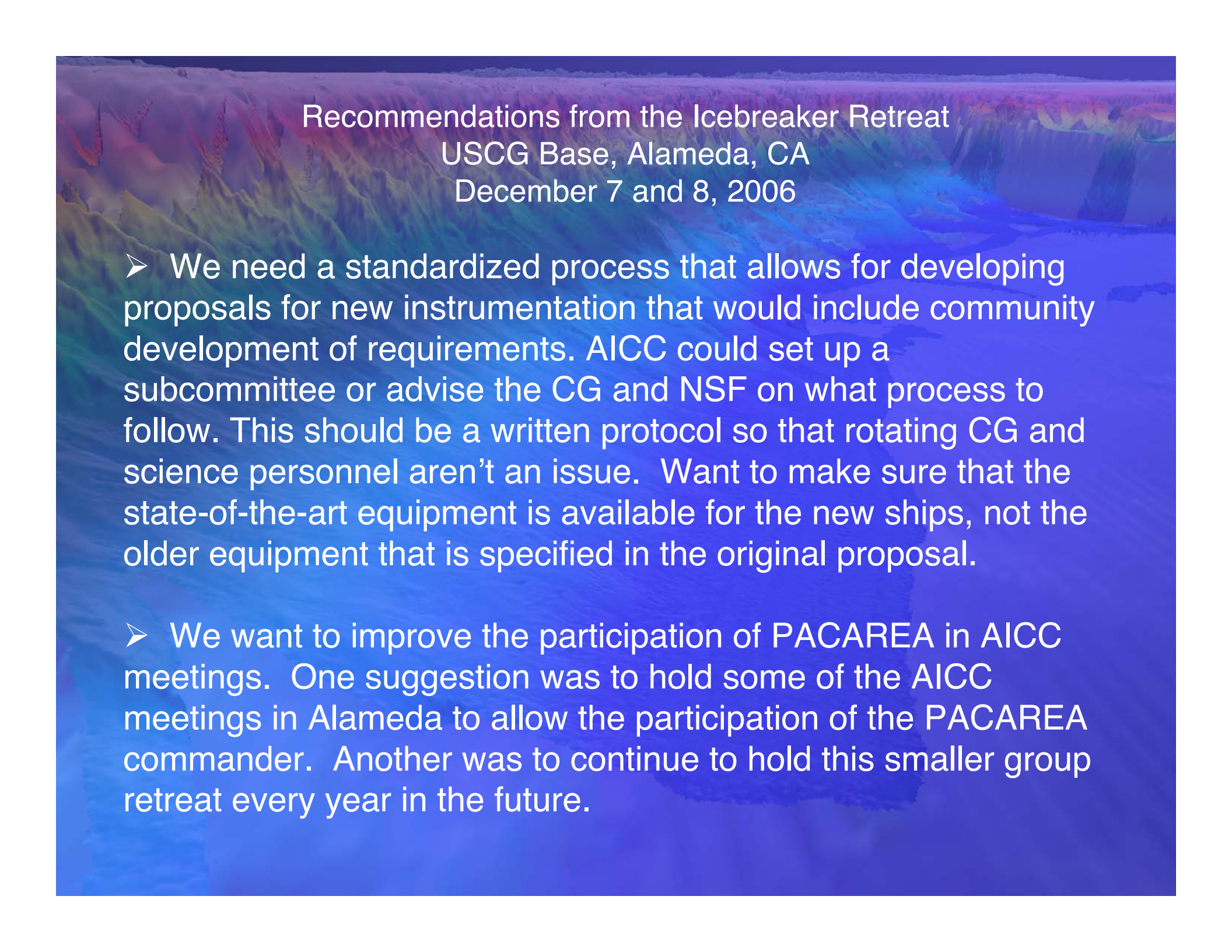






Recommendations from the Icebreaker Retreat
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- AICC should facilitate a workshop to address the science requirements of the new icebreaker fleet. We need to be careful how this is handled as we don't want to "drive science" or take an official position on the NAS report, but it is appropriate for AICC to respond to the recommendations of the NAS report.
- AICC should develop new approaches for doing science on icebreakers.
- For advertising HEALY's good works, a potential way to increase HEALY's outreach is by hooking PI's into CG press and media releases. The CG is on TV every time an icebreaker comes back into port in Seattle, but science is rarely included. We can help each other



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- We need a standardized process that allows for developing proposals for new instrumentation that would include community development of requirements. AICC could set up a subcommittee or advise the CG and NSF on what process to follow. This should be a written protocol so that rotating CG and science personnel aren't an issue. Want to make sure that the state-of-the-art equipment is available for the new ships, not the older equipment that is specified in the original proposal.
- We want to improve the participation of PACAREA in AICC meetings. One suggestion was to hold some of the AICC meetings in Alameda to allow the participation of the PACAREA commander. Another was to continue to hold this smaller group retreat every year in the future.