

October 7, 2009

Agenda
UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING
8:30 A.M., Tuesday, 13 October 2009
National Science Foundation, Stafford II, Room 555
4201 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, VA

- 0800 Coffee and Pastries**
- 0830 Call the Meeting:** Vernon Asper, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide an opportunity for introductions.
- Accept the minutes of the July 2009 Council Meeting.
- 0845 Antarctic Research Vessels and UNOLS** – Follow-up discussions from the previous Council (Vernon Asper, Roberta Marinelli, and Alex Isern)
- 0910 UNOLS Research Vessel Designation discussion regarding R/V *Seward Johnson*** – Jon Alberts will report on the status of Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution’s plans for future operation of the R/V *Seward Johnson*.
- 0930 UNOLS Booth** – Council discussion/input on UNOLS activities at winter conferences.
Annette/Jon
- 0940 Process for Recommending Non-Operational Periods of Ships in the UNOLS Fleet** – A discussion on the UNOLS process for reviewing the agency recommendations on ship operations <http://www.unols.org/publications/reports/budget_impacts/NonOp_Process_Recmd.pdf>. Are there any changes that would enhance the effectiveness of the UNOLS review? Jon Alberts/Open Discussion.
- 1000 Break**
- 1015 Informational Items:** (Annette DeSilva)
- Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force** – On June 12, 2009, President Obama sent a memorandum to the heads of executive departments and federal agencies establishing an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force. The Task Force is charged with developing a recommendation for a national policy that ensures protection, maintenance, and restoration of oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes. It will also recommend a framework for improved stewardship, and effective coastal and marine spatial planning.
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/oceans/>.
- An Ocean Infrastructure Strategy for U.S. Ocean Research in 2030 – The National Research Council has formed a committee** to provide advice on the types of U.S. ocean infrastructure that will facilitate research in 2030. The project scope and committee membership can be viewed at <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/projectview.aspx?key=49139> .
- 1030 Greening the UNOLS Fleet – Identifying future initiatives** – Bruce Corliss will introduce the topic.

1050 R2R Project Update – Status report and plans forward - James Holik (NSF) and Vicki Ferrini (R2R/LDEO)

1120 Status Reports and Past Action Items:

- **Update on Dr. Ballard's plans for the Ocean Exploration Trust's R/V *Nautilus*** – Jon Alberts
- **Post Cruise Assessment Report Subcommittee** – Status report. – Jon Alberts
- **Gender Climate at Sea** – Update. Kenneth Coale is exploring on-line training options with Workplace Answers.
- **UNOLS 2009 Goal** - Investigate the feasibility of a more flexible UNOLS to meet the needs of additional users - Form an *ad hoc* subcommittee to investigate the problem and make recommendations - Vernon Asper

1140 Committee Activities and Issues requiring Council Attention - Committee Chairs and Council Members will have an opportunity to raise any issues requiring Council attention.

- **AICC Membership**– Council endorsement of the AICC nominations for new members has been requested.

1155 UNOLS Council Winter Meeting – dates and location

1200 Adjourn