

# **UNOLS Annual Meeting**

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**Consortium for Ocean Leadership**

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# The Charge

- Review existing models to fund and support the academic research fleet
  - TENOC: The Next Ten Years in Oceanography (1959)
  - FOFC Charting the Future for the National Academic Research Fleet (2002)
  - IWG-Facilities Federal Oceanographic Fleet Status Report (2007)
  - NRC Polar Icebreakers in a Changing World report (2007)
  - OSB Science at Sea fleet replacement report (2009)
  - UNOLS Fleet Improvement Plan (2009)

\*\* The charge is NOT to re-create or “refresh” the extensive work done by others to define needs and requirements. \*\*

# The Charge cont.

Using these reports as context, the Working Group will:

- Develop, recommend and prioritize alternative funding models and/or approaches to the Ocean Leadership Board of Trustees

The Ocean Leadership Board is looking for an innovative framework for how the organization should work with the community to secure a suite of oceanographic assets that support and respond to a broad range of National needs (e.g., economic, environmental, defense, etc.).

# Ocean Leadership Working Group to Develop Future Funding Models for New Ships

An ad hoc advisory committee of the Board

## Working Group membership:

- Mark Abbott, Chair
- Vernon Asper
- Susan Avery
- Rob Dunbar
- David Farmer
- Steve Lohrenz
- Shirley Pomponi
- Nancy Rabalais
- Jon Alberts (ex officio)

# Timeline

- July 2010 - Initial conference call
- September 2010 - Briefing retreat with 15 panelists from academia, Congress, the Agencies, and the Administration sharing their perspectives on the past, present and possible future of academic research fleet
- October 2010 - Initial draft report will be shared with the Board of Trustees
- Final report ready for the Board by the end of the calendar year and ready for implementation in early 2010