



Proposed Strategies for:
**Proposed RVTEC Officer and Term-
Length Transition**
and
RVTEC Membership Voting via Internet



Transition from RVTEC Vice Chair to Chair-Elect

Background:

- Review and re-adoption of the UNOLS Charter is required every 3 years.
- Annex V of the UNOLS Charter (the RVTEC By Laws) was revised and readopted by the UNOLS Membership on October 15th.
- Annex V Revision - **Transition the Vice Chair position to a Chair-Elect position.** This would make the RVTEC by laws more consistent with the other UNOLS standing committee By Laws.



Transition from RVTEC Vice Chair to Chair-Elect

Revised UNOLS Charter Annex V: Section c. "Officers"

- "1) Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee shall have a Chair and Vice Chair/Chair Elect.
- Nominations for the RVTEC Chair and Vice Chair/Chair-Elect will be reviewed and voted on by the standing RVTEC members. The standing RVTEC will select one nominee for each open position and forward the nomination to the UNOLS Chair...
- Under normal circumstances the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect will serve one three-year term and then serve one three-year term as Chair for a total of six years maximum. Date of office shall commence at the close of the Annual Meeting."



Transition from RVTEC Vice Chair to Chair-Elect

The duties of the RVTEC Officers remain the same:

“2) The Chair shall represent the Committee in all matters stipulated in the purpose of these bylaws and in all matters deemed necessary in the interest of the Committee. The Chair shall implement the programs enumerated by the Committee and shall conduct the Annual Meeting and whatever special meetings are deemed necessary by the Chair or the members.

3) The Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, who shall function as Chair in the absence of the Chair, shall be responsible for recording the business of the Committee and for dissemination of information as stipulated in these bylaws to all members of the Committee.”



RVTEC Officers - Current Status:

- **RVTEC Chair** – Rich Findley will complete his first two-year term at the 2010 RVTEC Meeting. He is willing to stand for re-election.
- **RVTEC Vice Chair** – Daryl Swenson is currently serving a two-year term as Vice Chair that began at the 2009 RVTEC meeting.
- Elections of the RVTEC Chair and Vice Chair occur in alternating years.



Transitioning from Vice Chair to Chair-Elect

- To transition from Vice Chair to Chair-Elect, the elections of RVTEC officers (Chair and Chair-Elect) must be re-aligned occur in the same year.
- Proposed Strategy for Transition:
 - At the 2010 RVTEC Meeting, hold elections for the RVTEC Chair.
 - The term length would be 3 years.
 - Rich Findley would be eligible
 - At the 2010 RVTEC Meeting, hold elections for the RVTEC Chair-Elect.
 - The term length would be 3 years.
 - Daryl Swenson would be eligible if willing.
 - At the end of the 3-year term as the Chair-Elect, the Chair-Elect would become RVTEC Chair for a 3-year term.



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RVTEC Internet Voting Procedures

- The UNOLS Charter provides procedures for Council votes by electronic correspondence.
- Propose that similar procedures be adopted by RVTEC:
 - If a matter requires a discussion and vote by the **RVTEC** but sooner than the next scheduled meeting, a discussion and vote of the matter by correspondence (e.g., electronic mail) may be held. A vote taken by correspondence will require a quorum (as defined in the **RVTEC By Laws**) and will be in accordance to the same voting rules as for regular votes except that the motion introduced for voting will not require a second to the motion. Ballots may be submitted by correspondence, fax or email to the UNOLS Office, where the count shall be compiled by the **Assistant** Executive Secretary and reported to the **RVTEC**.



RVTEC Representation and Quorum

As stated in Annex V:

- 1) Each institutional UNOLS representative may designate a representative to RVTEC.
- 2) Each UNOLS member institution shall be entitled to one vote on matters at RVTEC meetings. However, the Chair may submit matters for vote at other times. These matters shall be voted on by mail or electronic mail, and votes shall be collected for a period of two weeks.
- 3) A simple majority of all UNOLS operator institutions must be represented to establish a quorum.



Internet Voting Procedures

- Propose that a new RVTEC email list be created RVTEC_vote@unols.org
- UNOLS Member Institutions can appoint one RVTEC representative to the RVTEC_vote email list.
- Rational:
 - The RVTEC general email list include 200+ addresses with multiple addresses from the same institution
 - The Tech_manager email list only include representation from the UNOLS Operator institutions.



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