

# NSF/OPP Happenings

- Ship-based science support solicitation
- Community observer issues
- Polar Research Vessel (Alex Isern)

# First the big news



- Alexander Jackson Wagner (“Xander”)
- November 11, 2010

# Ship-based science support

- “Ship-based Science Technical Support in the Arctic (STARC)” solicitation – proposals were received November 8
- Currently soliciting reviewers and hope to have a panel early in the new year

# Community Observers

- Item of discussion on two of three debrief calls last month
- Clarity and communications
  - When and why is a community observer involved?
    - Note, not the same as MMO
  - Roles and responsibilities of observer on board
  - What happens after the cruise?
- NSF would like to help make this a positive experience for all involved
  - Some specifics include having a pool of qualified and enthusiastic observers, encourage longer lead times to interface with science party, clarity of roles, consider post-cruise followup