

Call for Nominations Marcus Langseth Scientific Oversight Committee

The UNOLS Marcus Langseth Scientific Oversight Committee (MLSOC) is seeking nominations for committee members. We currently have two openings to be filled immediately. We will also be seeking a new Chair at the end of 2011.

The Marcus Langseth Science Oversight Committee (MLSOC), a standing committee of the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS), is charged with overseeing the scientific operation of the R/V *Marcus Langseth* research vessel as a National Oceanographic Facility (NOF). The *Langseth* provides the U.S. academic community with the resources to acquire state-of-the-art, two-dimensional (2-D) and three-dimensional (3-D) marine seismic-reflection data. First and foremost, MLSOC fulfills an ombudsman role for all scientific groups in need of high-quality geophysical images, with the goals of providing state-of-the-art seismic acquisition capabilities, lowering the threshold of expertise needed to use the facility, and increasing the quality and accessibility of archived data. Second, the MLSOC is charged with monitoring and advising on the *Langseth's* capabilities for general geophysical and oceanographic research, thereby insuring the most cost-effective operation of this unique asset.

The term of office for the committee members is three years with the possibility of reappointment for a second term. The MLSOC typically meets in-person twice a year.

Additional information about the MLSOC, including the Terms of Reference, can be found on the UNOLS website:

http://www.unols.org/committees/mlsoc/051014_mlsoc_terms_of_reference.html

Questions can be directed to Graham Kent (MLSOC Chair) at <gkent@unr.edu> or the UNOLS Office <office@unols.org>.

Scientists interested in serving as MLSOC members should submit the following information:

1. Two-page current C.V.
2. One page statement of interest that should include your vision for Geophysical scientific research over the next decade.
3. Summary of experience using seismic facilities.

Copies of these materials should be sent to the UNOLS Office <office@unols.org>.

The disciplinary balance and expertise of the Committee membership and diversity of institutional representation are appointment considerations. The UNOLS Chair will appoint new committee members based on the recommendations of the MLSOC.