

FIC ITEMS FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL

Resulting from October 22nd meeting

New membership approval

- Non-operator: Greg Cutter, Old Dominion University (replaces Al Hine, USF)
- Operator: Joan Bernhard, WHOI (replaces Maureen Conte, BIOS)

Future of WHOI Long-Coring System

- NSF (Matt Hawkins and Candace Major spokespersons) has tasked FIC with recommending whether repositioning the Long Corer system onto *M. Langseth* is still a viable option that should be pursued after *Knorr* is retired. Costs will exceed \$6.1M. Long Core offers a unique capability but there is an annual maintenance cost >\$50K and little current demand.
- Does Council approve FIC/UNOLS Office hosting a webinar forum with past and potential future users/interested parties to weigh future demand and other options for the Long Corer and long core paleo-science?
- Does Council approve FIC making the recommendation about future support of long coring facilities on behalf of UNOLS ?

Fleet Improvement Plan

- FIC is weighing making the next FIP a “living” web-based electronic only document modeled after **NSF Research Overviews** .
- Council reactions?