

February 28, 2013

Tentative Agenda
UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
La Jolla, CA 92037
Wednesday and Thursday, March 6-7, 2013

Wednesday, March 6, 2013, Scripps Seaside Forum - Ted Scripps Room: *Joint session of the Council and FIC*

0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Call the Meeting: Peter Ortner, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide an opportunity for introductions.

- Accept the Minutes of the October 2012 Council Meeting
<http://www.unols.org/meetings/2012/201210cnc/201210cncmi.html>

0845 Agency Reports – Budget status and projections, announcements, and agency initiatives:

- NSF – Bob Houtman
- NAVY – Mike Prince
- NOAA – NOAA
- Interagency Working Group on Facilities –IWG-FI activities relevant to the UNOLS Fleet – Bob Houtman

0930 UNOLS 2013 Fleet schedules and science operations, estimated operation costs, and 2014 ship scheduling – Jon Alberts and Stewart Lamerdin

1000 Break

1015 Summary of Fleet Improvement Committee Meeting and Action Items that require Council Attention (Clare Reimers)

1035 Early Career Investigator Oceanographic Research Cruise Training Opportunity -Clare Reimers

1050 Academic Fleet Modernization Activities

- Ocean Class Acquisition Status - Mike Prince
- Regional Class Research Vessel - Bob Houtman
- *Sikuliaq* Update – Bob Houtman
- Polar Research Vessel Acquisition Status – Bob Houtman
- Ocean Observatories Initiative - Bob Houtman

1120 Update on R/V *Point Sur* operations in Antarctica - Stewart Lamerdin

1135 UNOLS Speaker Series: Progress Report – Peter Ortner

This concludes the joint session of the UNOLS FIC/Council Meeting.

1155 Lunch Break

1255 Roundtable Discussion Period – Topics will include:

- **Future of Tele-presence** – i.e. as a means to bridge the gap of “limited” bunk capacity, as outreach, etc. Does the community want to see this capability?
- **NSF’s New Timeline for Submission of Proposals with Significant Ship Usage**
- **Use of non-UNOLS ships for NSF Funded Research** and the Need to Support these Cruises with NSF Funded Facilities and Equipment

1400 Green Ship Initiative – Bruce Corliss will report on activities related to the Greening the Research Fleet initiative.

1415 Break

1430 UNOLS Office Review – In accordance with the UNOLS Charter, the UNOLS Chair, with the UNOLS Council, shall review UNOLS Office performance and activities prior to the completion of the first five-year term. The first 5-year term of the UNOLS Office at URI will end on April 30, 2014. Dan Schwartz, Debbie Steinberg, and Wilf Gardner volunteered to conduct the office review.

1500 UNOLS Vessel Usage Survey – Review and analyze the survey data and community responses to identify themes and issues from the survey responses. (Debbie Smith, Bob Collier, Peter Ortner, Deb Steinberg, and Annette DeSilva) – Debbie Smith will report.

1530 UNOLS 2012/2013 Goals – Discussion on how to move forward with this year’s UNOLS goal.

- To develop and implement a systematic and transparent process (or processes) to facilitate our agency sponsors in responding to the changing realities both in ocean science and the U.S. economy/federal budgets specifically addressing the difficult tradeoffs that almost certainly will need to be made
- To nurture the next generation of seagoing oceanographic scientists.

1550 Nominating Committee – Form a Nominating Committee to prepare the 2013 Slate of Council Candidates - Peter Ortner

1605 UNOLS Charter Review – **As stated in the UNOLS Charter**, “This Charter shall remain in effect for a period of three years after which time it shall be dissolved unless modified or readopted by vote of the UNOLS institutions.” The Charter was last revised, amended (added Annex X) and adopted on October 15, 2010, Arlington, VA. <http://www.unols.org/info/ucharter.html>. Form a subcommittee to review the Charter. – Peter Ortner

1615 UNOLS Membership Application Form – Review/update the UNOLS Membership Application Form. Peter Ortner will form a subcommittee for this task.

1630 UNOLS Annual meeting: Peter Ortner

- Dates
- Keynote Speaker – Suggestions are needed.

1650 UNOLS Council Summer Phone Meeting – date

1700 Adjourn Day 1

Thursday, March 7, 2013 - Martin Johnson House

0800 Coffee and Pastries

0830 Call the Meeting: Peter Ortner, UNOLS Chair, will call Day-2 of the meeting to order.

0840 The Status of UNOLS On-Going Activities, Issues, and Items of Council Interest - Summaries of the following items will be provided. There will be opportunity for Council comments or discussion.

- **Maritime Labor Convention, US-flag Vessel Compliance** - Jon Alberts and Dennis Nixon (15 minutes)
- **ITAR Regulations** – Status report on Dennis Nixon’s communications with the Dept of State regarding ITAR and EAR exports as it relates to permanently fixed equipment on UNOLS Vessels. UNOLS seeks determination by the Departments of State and Commerce that scientific equipment fixed to U.S. flagships engaged in federally sponsored fundamental research is not an export and is exempt from the licensing requirements of ITAR and EAR. - Jon Alberts and Dennis Nixon (15 minutes)
- **Discussion on the Minimum age for UNOLS ship participants** – Rose Dufour (15 min)
- **Gender Climate at Sea** – Update on Training Videos - Jon Alberts (10 minutes)
- **Research Vessel Safety Orientation Video** – Update on development to procure a new up to date safety orientation video - Jon Alberts (10 minutes)
- **Update on UNOLS meetings with NOAA, NSF, and Navy** - Bruce Corliss and Peter Ortner (10 minutes)
- **Heightened Security**- Password Protected Ship Schedules - Rose Dufour and Jon Alberts- (15 minutes)
- **NSF Decadal Review** – UNOLS requested that NSF initiate a Decadal Review and that UNOLS be engaged in the study. Peter Ortner and Bruce Corliss drafted a letter. – Peter Ortner (10 minutes)

1020 Break

1040 Committee Reports and Issues requiring Council Attention (10 minutes each):

- Ocean Observing Science Committee (OOSC) – Larry Atkinson
- Research Vessel Operators' Committee (RVOC) – Jon Alberts
- Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC) – Dave Fisichella
- Marcus Langseth Science Oversight Committee (MLSOC) – Dale Sawyer
- Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC) – Lee Cooper
- Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR) – Dan Schwartz
- Deep Submergence Science Committee (DESSC) – Annette DeSilva

1150 Opportunity for Additional Reports and Agency Comments - Agency Representatives will have an opportunity to raise matters of interest to UNOLS.

1210 Meeting Adjourns