

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: UNOLS ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED  
POSTED: October 4, 2013**

Dear UNOLS Community,

Due to the U.S. Government shutdown and the uncertainty as to when the current impasse will be resolved, we feel it is prudent to postpone the UNOLS FIC, Council and Annual meetings which had been scheduled for October 8-10, 2013 before any additional costs are incurred and individuals further inconvenienced. Without key federal agency representatives many of whom are on furlough, we will be unable to accomplish many of our objectives. We will endeavor to reschedule the FIC, Council, and Annual Meeting until a later date to be announced when arrangements can be finalized. Because pressing issues confront our community we will arrange web conferences for the Council and the Fleet Improvement Committee as soon as possible.

We will endeavor to cancel the block of hotel rooms reserved for UNOLS at the Holiday Inn in Arlington but those of you who booked on your own rooms therein or elsewhere will have to cancel individually. Flights will also have to be cancelled individually. For travelers supported by UNOLS, instructions for cost reimbursements associated with this cancellation will be provided as soon as possible. We sincerely regret any inconvenience or expense this has occasioned and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

**Flight Reservations** - Flights should be cancelled as soon as possible and before your scheduled departure. For non-refundable tickets, airlines will typically apply a credit for the cost of the ticket on a future flight (plus change fees). We suggest that you ask your airline if they will waive the change fee due to circumstances outside of your control.

**Hotel Reservations** - The UNOLS Office will contact the Holiday Inn to cancel the block of rooms. However, you are encouraged to also cancel the reservation at the Holiday Inn 72 hours before your scheduled arrival to ensure that your credit card will not be charged.

**Please contact the UNOLS Office with any questions.**

September 17, 2013

*Tentative Agenda*  
**UNOLS ANNUAL MEETING**  
(See agenda below for daily meeting venues)  
Arlington, VA 22230

**Important Note:** If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please RSVP the UNOLS Office at [office@unols.org](mailto:office@unols.org) by September 30th.

**Annual Meeting - Day 1**

**Holiday Inn Arlington, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA**

- 1315 Introduction and Welcome** – Peter Ortner, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide opening remarks.
- Participant introductions
  - The UNOLS Year in Review

**1340 Federal Agency Reports:**

- Information from Federal Agencies (NSF, ONR, NRL, Oceanographer of the Navy, NOAA, USCG, USGS, BOEM, and DOS) on budgets, 2013 activities, and forecasts for 2014 and beyond.

**1425 Fleet Improvement Committee Early Career Scientist Program & Participant Introductions**  
(Clare Reimers & Miles Sundermeyer)

**1440 Review of UNOLS Membership Ballot Measures:** Ballots were distributed to UNOLS Representatives by mail in September. (Peter Ortner)

- **UNOLS Council Elections:** The slate of nominees can be viewed at:  
<<http://www.unols.org/meetings/2013/201310anu/Slate2013.pdf>>
- **Applications for UNOLS Membership:**  
<[http://www.unols.org/meetings/2013/201310anu/UNOLS\\_Member\\_Application\\_2013.pdf](http://www.unols.org/meetings/2013/201310anu/UNOLS_Member_Application_2013.pdf)>
- **UNOLS Charter Revision:**  
<<http://www.unols.org/meetings/2013/201310anu/CharterRevision2013.html>>

**1455 Break**

**1510 Fleet Operations in 2013 and Recommendations for 2014:**

- Summary of 2013 operations and the 2014 scheduling process (Liz Brenner, SSC – 10 minutes)
- Summary of Agency Recommendations for 2014 Fleet Operations (Bob Houtman – 10 minutes)
- UNOLS Response to Agency Recommendations – (Debbie Steinberg, Greg Cutter, and John Morrison – 10 minutes)

**1540 Facility Renewal Activities:**

- Ocean Class Acquisition Update (Mike Prince – 10 minutes)
- Navy Global Vessel Mid-Life Refit Plans (Tim Schnoor – 10 minutes)
- Regional Class Acquisition Status (Bob Houtman – 10 minutes)
- R/V *Sikuliaq* Construction Update (Terry Whitledge – 10 minutes)
- Ocean Observatories Initiative – (Jean McGovern – 10 minutes)
- *Alvin* Upgrade Project – (Brian Midson – 10 minutes)

**1640 Consortium for Ocean Leadership Report** – (Bob Gagosian)

**1650 UNOLS Reports:**

- Recognition of departing Council and Committee members. – Peter Ortner
- UNOLS Appointments to Committees – Peter Ortner
- UNOLS Dues Accounting – Jon Alberts
- UNOLS Calendar and activities – Jon Alberts

**1700 Adjourn – Day 1**

*An evening reception hosted by UNOLS will follow immediately afterward.*

The Meridian at Ballston - Club house  
900 North Stuart Street, Arlington, VA (Across from NSF)

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**Annual Meeting – Day 2**

Marymount University Ballston Center, Truland Auditorium, 1000 North Glebe Road

**0800** *Coffee and Pastries*

**0830** **Call Day-2 of the Meeting to Order:** Peter Ortner, UNOLS Chair.

**0835** **Interagency Working Group on Facilities and Infrastructure (IWG-FI) Update – RADM Devany**

**0845** **Featured Presentation:**

**U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)**

*Senator Whitehouse is a founding member and co-chair of the Senate Oceans Caucus, which was formed to promote bipartisan policy solutions that protect our oceans, coasts, and the people and economies that rely on them. Senator Whitehouse has also led the effort to establish a National Endowment for the Oceans, Coasts, and Great Lakes Act, which would provide a reliable stream of funding for research, restoration, and management of ocean and coastal resources.*

**0930** **UNOLS Goals and Activities: Review the progress made on past UNOLS Goals and introduce the Goal for 2014:**

- To nurture the next generation of seagoing oceanographic scientists (Peter Ortner – 10 minutes)
- 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 (Peter Ortner – 10 minutes)
- Greening the UNOLS Fleet (Bruce Corliss – 10 minutes)
- UNOLS Speaker Series (Peter Ortner – 10 minutes)
- **2013/2014 UNOLS Goals and Priorities** – Peter Ortner will present the 2013/2014 UNOLS Goals and Priorities as established by the UNOLS Council. (5 minutes)

**1015** *Break*

**1030** **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Peter Ortner will introduce the UNOLS Committee Chairs who will report on their activities. (10 minutes each)

**1030** **Ship Scheduling Committee (SSC)** – Liz Brenner, SSC Chair

**1040** **Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC)** – Clare Reimers, Chair

**1050** **Research Vessel Operators' Committee (RVOC)** – Doug Russell, RVOC Chair

**1100** **Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC)** – David Fisichella, RVTEC Chair

**1110** **DEep Submergence Science Committee (DESSC)** – Peter Girguis, DESSC Chair

**1120** **Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC)** – Lee Cooper (AICC Chair)

**1130** **Marcus Langseth Science Oversight Committee (MLSOC)** – Dale Sawyer (MLSOC Chair)

**1140** **Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR)** – Dan Schwartz (SCOAR Chair)

**1150** **Ocean Observing Science Committee (OOSC)** – Larry Atkinson (OOSC Chair)

**1200** **Rolling Deck to Repository (R2R)** – An update on the project activities, advisory committee, and plans. (Bob Arko, LDEO)

**1210 Closing Remarks (Peter Ortner)**

***1215 Adjourn***

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