

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: UNOLS COUNCIL 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.**

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*Tentative Agenda*  
**UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Arlington, VA**

A pdf version of this agenda is available at <201310cncag.pdf>.

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

**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 July 2013 Council Meeting.

**0840 Non-Operator Committee Report for 2014 Fleet Operations**

- General discussion about the recommendations and process (A full report will be provided at the Annual Meeting). (Bob Houtman and Deb Steinberg)

- Non-Operator Committee Membership – Should the Committee continue to be made up of only non-operator representatives?
- Discussion on the optimal time for forecasting ship time levels.

**0900 NSF's New Recommended Timeline for Submission of Proposals with Significant Ship Usage -**  
Discussion on the impacts of this recommendation (Bob Houtman and Rose Dufour)

**0930 Summary of Fleet Improvement Committee Meeting and Action Items that required Council Attention** (Clare Reimers)

**The Status of UNOLS On-Going Activities, Issues, and Items of Council Interest:**

**0945 Tele-presence & UNOLS Pilot Program** – (Dwight Coleman)

**1005 NSF Decadal Review Update** <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/committeevue.aspx?key=49570> – (Bob Houtman)

**1015 Break**

**1030 Risk Mitigation and a Possible Pool for Over-the-Side Insurance** – Insurance agent/Underwriter (introduction by David Fisichella)

**1050 Long Corer System** – The status of NSF's plans to make phased investments in evaluating R/V *Langseth* for accepting the Long Core System (Bob Houtman and Matt Hawkins)

**1110 Exploring New Funding Models for Ship Time** - Discussion

**1125: Research Vessel Safety Orientation Film** – Update on development of a new safety orientation film (Jon Alberts)

**1135: 2013/2014 UNOLS Goal** (Peter Ortner)

**1150 Committee Activities and Issues requiring Council Attention** - Committee Chairs and Council Members will have an opportunity to raise any issues requiring Council attention.

**1200 Adjourn**