

*Tentative Agenda*  
**UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING**  
**The Holiday Inn at Ballston**  
**4610 North Fairfax Drive , Arlington, VA 22203**  
**Wednesday and Thursday, March 12-13, 2014**

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>: 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 Council Meeting Minutes of March 2013:  
<http://www.unols.org/meetings/2013/201303cnc/201303cncmi.html>

**0845 Fleet Improvement Committee Early Career Scientist Program & Participant Introductions** (Clare Reimers & Miles Sundermeyer)

**0900 Agency Reports** – Budget status and projections, announcements, and agency initiatives:

- NSF – Bob Houtman
- NAVY – Tim Schnoor
- NOAA/OMAO – Tracy Miller & Carl Newman
- 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 Liz Brenner

**0955 Summary of Fleet Improvement Committee Meeting and Action Items that require Council Attention** (Clare Reimers)

**1015 Break**

**1030 Facility Modernization and Upgrade Activities** (10 minutes each)

- Ocean Class AGORs – R/V *Neal Armstrong* and R/V *Sally Ride* – Tim Schnoor/Mike Prince
- Regional Class Research Vessels -Matt Hawkins
- *Sikuliaq* Update – Bob Houtman
- Polar Research Vessel Acquisition Status – Tim McGovern
- Ocean Observatories Initiative – Jean McGovern
- Mid-Life Refit Plans for *Thompson*, *Revelle*, and *Atlantis* – Tim Schnoor
- *Alvin* Upgrade Project – Brian Midson

**1140 UNOLS Outreach and Early Career Investigator Initiatives**

- 2013 Chief Scientist Training Cruise - Clare Reimers (10 minutes)
- Future Chief Scientist Training Initiatives - Annette DeSilva (5 minutes)
- Ocean Science Meeting - UNOLS Booth and Early Career Workshop – Jon Alberts (5 minutes)
- MLSOC Early Career Workshop – Jon Alberts (5 minutes)
- DESSC Early Career Workshop – Annette DeSilva (5 minutes)

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

- 1210 Lunch Break**
- 1315 Ship-Shore Communication Sub-committee-** Alice Doyle & Jim Holik
- 1345 Tele-presence & UNOLS Pilot Program –** Dwight Coleman
- 1415 Break**
- 1430 Designation of R/V *Sikuliaq* as a UNOLS vessel –** Timeline and process - Jon Alberts
- 1445 Ship Scheduling Committee/ New Chair and Changing Landscape/ Un-conflicted SSC Chair Discussion -** Jon Alberts
- 1515 Risk Mitigation and a Possible Pool for Over-the-Side Insurance –** Insurance agent/Underwriter (introduction by David Fisichella)
- 1545 Guidelines for Incorporating New Assets and Operators as UNOLS Oceanographic Aircraft Facilities –** SCOAR has drafted a guidelines document for Council Consideration – Dan Schwartz
- 1605 UNOLS Goals –** Suggestions for future UNOLS goals – Peter Ortner
- 1620 UNOLS Committee Appointments**
- Nominating Committee – Form a Nominating Committee to prepare the 2014 Slate of Council Candidates - Peter Ortner
  - Form the Non-Operator Committee for 2015 Fleet Operations
- 1635 UNOLS Annual Meeting:** Peter Ortner
- Dates
  - Keynote Speaker – Suggestions are needed.
- 1650 UNOLS Council Summer Phone Meeting –** Dates
- 1700 Adjourn Day 1**
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**Thursday, March 13, 2014**

- 0800 Coffee and Pastries**
- 0830 Call the Meeting:** Peter Ortner, UNOLS Chair, will call Day-2 of the meeting to order.
- 0835 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.
- NSF Decadal Review and UNOLS Involvement – Peter Ortner and Jon Alberts (10 minutes)
    - <http://nas-sites.org/dsos2015/statement-of-task/>
    - <http://nas-sites.org/dsos2015/files/2013/11/DSOSMeeting2.pdf>
  - Public Comment: Draft NOAA Guidance for Assessing the Effects of Anthropogenic Sound on Marine Mammals - Bruce Appelgate (15 minutes)

- Response to Nature Article/ Peter Ortner (10 minutes)  
<http://www.nature.com/news/counting-the-cost-1.13804>  
<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v504/n7479/full/504218a.html>
- Green Ship Initiative – Bruce Corliss will report on activities related to the Greening the Research Fleet initiative. (15 minutes)
- Medical Marijuana and the Coast Guard directive- Jon Alberts

**0930 Committee Reports and Issues requiring Council Attention (10 minutes each):**

- Ocean Observing Science Committee (OOSC) – Larry Atkinson
- Research Vessel Operators' Committee (RVOOC) – Doug Russell
- Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC) – Dave Fisichella
- Marcus Langseth Science Oversight Committee (MLSOC) – Dale Sawyer

**1010 Break**

**1025 Committee Reports (Continued)**

- Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC) – Jon Alberts
- Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR) – Dan Schwartz
- Deep Submergence Science Committee (DESSC) – Annette DeSilva

**1055 Opportunity for Additional Reports and Agency Comments - Agency Representatives will have an opportunity to raise matters of interest to UNOLS.**

**1130 Meeting Adjourns**

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