

October 9, 2014

Tentative Agenda
UNOLS ANNUAL MEETING
Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston
4610 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22230

October 21, 2014 – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
October 22, 2014 – 8:30 am to 12:15 pm

Important Note: If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please RSVP the UNOLS Office at office@unols.org by October 10th.

Annual Meeting - Day 1

- 1300 Introduction and Welcome** – Peter Ortner, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide opening remarks.
- Participant introductions
 - The UNOLS Year in Review
- 1325 Federal Agency Reports:**
- Information from Federal Agencies (NSF, ONR, NRL, Oceanographer of the Navy, NOAA, USCG, USGS, BOEM, and DOS) on budgets, 2014 activities, and forecasts for 2015 and beyond.
- 1410 Review of UNOLS Membership Ballot Measures:** Ballots were distributed to UNOLS Representatives in September. (Peter Ortner)
- **UNOLS Council Elections:** The slate of nominees can be viewed at: http://www.unols.org/sites/default/files/201410anu_Slate2014.pdf
 - **Applications for UNOLS Membership:** http://www.unols.org/sites/default/files/GMU_ApplicationforUNOLSMembership.pdf
- 1415 Break**
- 1430 Fleet Operations in 2014 and Recommendations for 2015:**
- Summary of 2014 operations and the 2015 scheduling process (Doug Ricketts, SSC – 10 minutes)
 - Summary of Agency Recommendations for 2015 Fleet Operations (Bob Houtman – 10 minutes)
 - UNOLS Response to Agency Recommendations – (Wilf Gardner, Tammi Richardson, and Miles Sundermeyer – 10 minutes)
- 1500 Facility Renewal Activities:**
- Ocean Class Construction Update (Mike Prince & Chris MacDonald– 10 minutes)
 - Navy Global Vessel Mid-Life Refit Plans (Tim Schnoor – 10 minutes)
 - Regional Class Acquisition Status (Bob Houtman – 10 minutes)
 - R/V *Sikuliaq* Update (Terry Whitledge – 10 minutes)
 - Ocean Observatories Initiative – (Jean McGovern – 10 minutes)
 - Polar Research Vessel Acquisition Status – Renee Crain (10 minutes)

1600 Featured Presentation: Introduction by Bruce Corliss

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.

1640 Interagency Working Group on Facilities and Infrastructure (IWG-FI) Update – Bob Houtman

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 - Clubhouse
900 North Stuart Street, Arlington, VA (Across from NSF)

Annual Meeting – Day 2

0800 Coffee and Pastries

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

0835 COMMITTEE REPORTS – Peter Ortner will introduce the UNOLS Committee Chairs who will report on their activities. (10 minutes each)

0835 Ship Scheduling Committee (SSC) – Doug Ricketts, SSC Chair

0845 Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC) – Clare Reimers, Chair

0855 Research Vessel Operators' Committee (RVOC) – Doug Russell, RVOC Chair

0905 Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC) – David Fisichella, RVTEC Chair

0915 Deep Submergence Science Committee (DESSC) – Annette DeSilva

0925 Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC) –Lee Cooper (AICC Chair)

0935 Marcus Langseth Science Oversight Committee (MLSOC) – Dale Sawyer (MLSOC Chair)

0945 Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR) – Dan Schwartz (SCOAR Chair)

0955 Ocean Observing Science Committee (OOSC) – Larry Atkinson (OOSC Chair)

1005 Break

1025 UNOLS Goals and Activities: Review the progress made on past UNOLS Goals and introduce the Goal for 2014/2015:

- 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 min)
- To develop an open channel to the oceanographic research community for both communicating the changing realities in ocean science including access to and utilization of UNOLS facilities as well as for soliciting feedback from the community on important issues as they arise. – Debbie Smith (10 min)
- To nurture the next generation of seagoing oceanographic scientists – Annette DeSilva (10 minutes)
- **2014/2015 UNOLS Goals and Priorities** – Peter Ortner will present the 2014/2015 UNOLS Goals and Priorities as established by the UNOLS Council. (5 minutes)

1100 UNOLS Activities Update - Summaries of the following items will be provided. Each summary will be one slide and/or a few minutes.

- Response to Nature Article/ Peter Ortner:
<http://www.nature.com/news/counting-the-cost-1.13804>
<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v504/n7479/full/504218a.html>
- NSF Decadal Review and UNOLS Involvement – Peter Ortner
- UNOLS Response to the NSF draft Report, Dynamic Earth: GEO Priorities & Frontiers 2015-2020 – Peter Ortner
- NSF letter Regarding Number of RCRVs – UNOLS Response (Peter Ortner)
- Green Ship Initiative – Bruce Corliss
- ITAR Webinar – Bruce Applegate
- Public Comment: Draft NOAA Guidance for Assessing the Effects of Anthropogenic Sound on Marine Mammals - Bruce Appelgate
- Rolling Deck to Repository (R2R) – An update on the project activities, advisory committee, and plans. (Bob Arko, LDEO)
- Ship-Shore Communication Sub-committee Update - Alice Doyle & Jim Holik
- International Research Ship Organization – 2015 IRSO Meeting – Jon Alberts
- Fleet Scheduling Portal – Jon Alberts
- New UNOLS Website – Jon Alberts

1200 Closing Remarks (Peter Ortner)

1205 Meeting Adjourns