

May 4, 2015

**Tentative Agenda  
UNOLS Council Meeting  
United States Naval Observatory  
Washington, D.C.  
Thursday, May 7-8, 2015**

**Important Note:** RSVP by April 30th with your full name (required for access to Naval Observatory). Photo ID is required on the day of the meeting.

**0800 Coffee and Pastries**

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

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

- NSF Report – Bob Houtman
- NAVY – Tim Schnoor
- NOAA – RDML Anita Lopez
- Interagency Working Group on Facilities –IWG-FI activities relevant to the UNOLS Fleet

**0915 UNOLS 2015 Fleet schedules and science operations, estimated operation costs, and 2016 ship scheduling** – Jon Alberts and Doug Ricketts

**0945 NRC Report: *Sea Change: 2015-2025 Decadal Survey of Ocean Sciences*** – Report from NSF regarding their response to the report recommendations.

**1000 Break**

**1015 Facility Modernization and Upgrade Activities** (10 minutes each)

- 1015: Ocean Class AGORs – R/V *Neil Armstrong* and R/V *Sally Ride* – Tim Schnoor/Mike Prince
- 1025: Mid-Life Refit Plans for *Thompson*, *Revelle*, and *Atlantis* – Tim Schnoor
- 1035: Regional Class Research Vessels –Brian Midson
- 1045: Polar Research Vessel Acquisition Status – Tim McGovern
- 1055: Ocean Observatories Initiative – Jean McGovern

**1105 UNOLS Committee Appointments**

- Nominating Committee – Form a Nominating Committee to prepare the 2015 Slate of Council Candidates – Chris Measures
- Form the Non-Operator Committee – Tasking includes review/refresh of the 2006 guidelines and review of the Agency recommendations for 2016 Fleet operations.

**1125 Summary of Fleet Improvement Committee Meeting** (Clare Reimers)

**1200 Lunch Break**

**1300 Fleet Improvement Plan** – The FIC presents the draft Fleet Improvement Plan for Council endorsement.

**1345 Committee Activities and Issues requiring Council Attention** - Committee Chairs and Council Members will have an opportunity to raise any issues requiring Council attention (10 minutes each):

- 1345: Deep Submergence Science Committee (DESSC) – Peter Girguis
- 1355: Ocean Observing Science Committee (OOSC) – Larry Atkinson
- 1405: Research Vessel Operators' Committee (RVOC) – Doug Russell
- 1415: Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC) – Scott Ferguson
- 1425: *Break*
- 1440: Marcus Langseth Science Oversight Committee (MLSOC) – Nathan Bangs
- 1450: Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC) – Lee Cooper
- 1500: Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR) – Luc Lenain

**1510 Discuss strategies for addressing the 2014/2015 UNOLS Goal:** *A broad spectrum of US industries have direct interests in oceanographic research, including those directly involved in manufacturing of ships and sensor systems, to data management and insurance companies. Since they benefit from NSF-supported research facilitated by UNOLS assets, we should partner with industry leaders in advocating for increasing (maintaining) Federal support of oceanographic research.*

**1540 UNOLS Outreach and Early Career Investigator Initiatives**

- Chief Scientist Workshop – Tracking participants – Annette DeSilva
- Future Chief Scientist Training Workshops/Initiatives - Annette DeSilva
- UNOLS & Consortium for Ocean Leadership- STEM-SEAS Proposal- Jon Alberts
- Student Cruise Opportunities on UNOLS Vessels – Debbie Smith
- UNOLS at Ocean Sciences 2016 – Annette DeSilva

**1610 UNOLS Council/Annual meetings:**

- UNOLS Summer Meeting – Location/Date suggestions
- Tentative Dates – December 2015
- Keynote Speaker suggestions

**1635 Adjourn Day 1**

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**Day 2: Friday, May 8, 2015**

**0800 Coffee and Pastries**

**0830 Call Day-2 Meeting:** Chris Measures, UNOLS Chair, will call Day-2 of the meeting to order.

**0845 The Status of UNOLS On-Going Activities, Issues, and Items of Council Interest -**  
Summaries of the following items will be provided. Each summary will be one slide or a few minutes. There will be opportunity for Council comments or discussion.

- 0845: 2015 IRSO Meeting – Jon Alberts
- 0855: Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation 2015 (CERF) – UNOLS Participation – Clare Reimers/Jon Alberts
- 0905: Post Cruise Assessment Reports (PCAR) – Jon Alberts
- 0915: Status of UNOLS Article for EOS – Debbie Smith
- 0925: ITAR Status – Bruce Applegate
- 0935: Ship-Shore Communication Guidelines Update - Alice Doyle & Jim Holik
- 0950: R/V Safety Committee – Recent membership changes and status of Research Vessel Safety Standards Reissue – Jon Alberts
- 1000: Update on UNOLS meetings with NOAA, NSF, and Navy – Chris Measures
- 1010: UNOLS Coring Workshop- Jon Alberts

**1020 Break**

**1040 Opportunity for Additional Reports and Agency Comments -** Agency Representatives will have an opportunity to raise matters of interest to UNOLS.

**1130 Adjourn**

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