The University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) is an organization of academic oceanographic institutions working in cooperation with agencies of the U.S. Federal Government to ensure broad access to modern, well-operated, state-of-the-art research vessels, submersibles, and other facilities required to support a healthy and vigorous research and education program in the ocean sciences. Currently, UNOLS is actively engaged in academic research fleet modernization efforts, in outreach initiatives for early career scientists, and in efforts to promote a positive work environment at sea. The future fleet composition, capacity, and user demand, along with budgetary realities are all areas that UNOLS will continue to evaluate and provide advice to the federal agencies that support ocean science facilities. Individuals who wish to contribute to these and other UNOLS efforts are needed to fill one UNOLS Council seat. The UNOLS Council members represent and act on behalf of the UNOLS membership as the operating and governing body of UNOLS.

A Nominating Committee that includes Dennis Hansell, Deborah Steinberg, and David Smith has been formed to prepare a slate of candidates. Nominations are being sought from UNOLS institutions to fill one Council position opening in 2019. Requirements for the position are as follows:

- One Non-Operator Position - affiliation with a UNOLS facility non-operator institution

Terms of office for Council members are three years with the possibility of re-election for a second term. The Council typically meets twice a year in person. The fall meeting is held in the Alexandria, VA area (during the same week as the UNOLS Annual Meeting). The spring Council meeting location will vary from year to year. The Council also holds a summer web conference.

Nominations for the slate may be submitted by anyone affiliated with a UNOLS institution to <alice@unols.org>. Self-nominations are welcome. A 2-page CV and statement of interest should accompany all nominations. Nominations are due by May 30, 2019. The Nominating Committee must give due consideration to the qualifications of the individuals nominated, as well as to maintenance of regional and disciplinary balance on the Council. The committee will then recommend a slate of candidates that will be voted upon by the UNOLS membership before the 2019 Annual Meeting in the fall. For more information about UNOLS and its activities, visit the website, http://www.unols.org.