



# MERAS

(Maintaining an Environment of Respect Aboard Ships)

## Committee Membership:

- Mark Brzezinski/UCSB (Chair?)
- Craig Lee/UW
- Emily Shimada/WHOI
- Brandi Murphy/UNOLS Office /UW

## Former Members:

- Debbie Steinberg/VIMS (former co-chair)
- Clare Reimers/OSU (former member)



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Last meeting was September 25, 2020

## Activities:

### BLM Response

- Discussing enhancing UNOLS diversity efforts
- UNOLS Office statement

### Gender expression, support, and safety

- Cruise planner software pronouns and preferred names
- Legal obligations and personal privacy rights

### Pregnancy policies on ship operator websites

- Accessibility



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## Main Effort: MERAS as a standing committee?

- Developed draft terms of reference

### Consideration Process

- 1) The UNOLS Representatives vote on whether the MERAS committee should become a UNOLS Standing Committee
- 2) Upon an affirmative vote, the UNOLS Council (with the Ad-hoc MERAS) develops and approves the Committee's Terms of Reference
- 4) The UNOLS Representatives vote to adopt the new UNOLS Charter to include the MERAS Terms of Reference