

# UNOLS Update

2023 MSROC  
Community Meeting

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## The issue's / activities that we have addressed in the past year

- Committees - Full return to in-person committee meetings
  - Nearly all meetings conducted as hybrid with a virtual component - requires more in-person UNOLS Office support
- DEIJ
  - Code of Conduct
  - Council initiatives
    - Complaint process
  - UNOLS letter to CGIS regarding Safer Seas Act
- Marine Facilities Planning (MFP)
  - Continued refining of Ship Scheduling module
  - Cruise Planning Module being used by more operators, community becoming proficient
  - International User's Group – re-initiate efforts
  - **UPDATE YOUR FUNDING!**
- COVID-19
  - Guidance updated once this year. COVID had minimal impact

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this year. Last report unless the situation changes

# UNOLS Year in Review Cont'd

- Langseth Replacement Support
  - MSROC provided marine seismic scientific requirements input to LDEO and as they pursue a Langseth Replacement vessel
- Science Requirements for US Coast Guard Arctic Icebreaker(s)
  - Working with USCG, Arctic Research Commission, & AICC to develop plan to update science mission requirements for future USCG Arctic I/B capability
- Review & New Cooperative Agreement
  - Council review of UNOLS Office recommended renewal for another 5-year C.A. with UW hosting
  - Starting proposal for next 5 years

# UNOLS Update Cont'd

- Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act
  - Overwhelming burden that could tie up ships
  - UNOLS Office contracted with Eric Buck (ret. UCSD Captain/Port Captain) to
    - investigate & understand complexities of the Act and various entities are addressing it
    - assemble info from ship operators that illustrate magnitude / complexity of the Act
    - draft Big administrative burden on ship operators to develop waiver requests on behalf of the fleet
    - Met with NSF staff during tour of R/V Thompson to educate them on unique challenges of ships NSF funding contractor support to aid ship operators in meeting the Act's requirements
- MATE Internship Program
  - Successful shift from MPC to UNOLS Office under new NSF REU Grant
- Tech Pool
  - Another busy year – 35 techs, 773 Sea/Shore Days in 2023

# UNOLS Update Cont'd

- Ship Scheduling
  - Continued Weekly meetings for Global/Ocean Class ships
  - MFP tools continue to evolve
  - Reports!
  - Published most ship schedules in September
  - Still dealing with cruise deferral, crewing & mechanical issue impacts
- UNOLS Office Hirings
  - MATE Internship Program Manager – Maria Osiadacz
  - Students (2) recently hired
  - In process of hiring additional Admin Support
    - MFP day-to-day support
    - Meetings administration
  - Hiring new Technical Services Manager
  - Hiring Admin Assistant
- Early Career Scientist Activities
  - AICC / RV Sikuliaq– June 2023
  - MSROC / ECS Workshop – Dec 2023

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