

2026 Spring Council Meeting

Proposed Charter Updates

~~–WORK IN PROGRESS–~~

1. Term Lengths

2. Dues

On October 1, 1993, at the UNOLS Annual Meeting collecting dues from UNOLS members was proposed. This was documented in the Summary Report from that meeting:

“Dues for UNOLS Members - Garry Brass presented a proposal to the membership to require dues of UNOLS Members. The dues should be from unappropriated funds and would be used for such things as flowers for deceased persons, farewell gifts for retiring members, wine and cheese socials at our meetings and other similar expenses. The proposed dues amounts would be \$100.00 per year for operator institutions and \$50.00 per year for non-operator institutions. After a brief discussion, the proposal passed by unanimous vote.”

In recent years the hosting institutions have required more documentation verifying that UNOLS is authorized to collect dues. In order to make this verification simpler we are proposing to add the collection of dues to the UNOLS Charter. This could be added to Section 5.

Procedures as section h.) The following wording is proposed:

“Dues shall be collected from all UNOLS Members on an annual basis. The dues should be **paid** from unappropriated funds. The amounts ~~will~~ **may** vary by year and are at the discretion of the UNOLS Office. Dues will be used by the UNOLS office for community awards, gifts, networking events/receptions ~~alcohol~~, and other items that cannot be purchased with federal agency award money.”

3. [UNOLS Charter Section 3a:](#)

- Update membership requirements.

3.MEMBERSHIP

a.)Eligibility:

Membership in UNOLS is open to those U.S. institutions that use, or operate and use, sea-going facilities and maintain an academic program in marine science. Both individual institutions and consortia of such institutions may be members of UNOLS for purposes of attending UNOLS meetings, receiving UNOLS information, and other non-voting UNOLS activities. See: <https://www.unols.org/form/application-unols-membership>