

## MSROC 2026 Spring Virtual Meeting Notes June 1, 2026 - 11AM - 2PM ET

Attendees:

Andrew Gase	Adriana Pina	Anne Becel	Brandon Shuck
Bridget Harrell-Donze	Collin Brandl	Dominik Kardell	Donna Shillington
Gail Christeson	Hannah Mark	Harm Van Avendonk	J. Pablo Canales
Jared Kluesner	Jesus Gaytan	Joann Stock	John Collins
Kain Lager-Lowe	Lee Ellett	Lindsay Worthington	Maureen Walton
Meme Lobecker	Milena Marjanovic	Patrick Hart	Satish Singh
Sean Higgins	Shuoshuo Han	Tara Clemente	YoungHee Kim
Zach Eilon			

This was a remote spring meeting of the Marine Seismology Research Oceanographic Committee (MSROC) to touch base with committee members and discuss business updates. The meeting began with introductions from committee members including Lindsay Worthington (chair from University of New Mexico), Sean Higgins (Director of Marine Operations at Lamont-Doherty), John Collins (PI for the Ocean Bottom Seismometer Instrument Center at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution), and others representing various institutions and career stages.

Maureen provided updates on the recent early career workshop and community meeting held in New Orleans before AGU, which were well-attended with 45 registered attendees for the early career meeting and 94 for the community meeting.

Gail Christensen from NSF provided comprehensive updates on organizational changes at NSF, including the elimination of divisions, reduced workforce, and impacts on funding and proposal processes, noting that core programs face budget reductions while facilities like the academic research fleet have been less affected.

Tara Clemente presented UNOLS updates covering recent council meetings, ship scheduling, harassment reporting guidelines, and fleet operations, including updates on the Roger Revelle fire incident and 2027 scheduling plans.

John Collins shared facility updates from the Ocean Bottom Seismometer Instrument Center (OBSIC), detailing their busy 2026 schedule with five cruises supporting broadband and

short-period OBS deployments across the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and introduced new instrumentation including Sercel microseismometers and enhanced tracking capabilities.

## Key Takeaways

- NSF is operating with reduced core program budgets, fewer staff, and slower award processes; field programs are still being funded but at a reduced rate.
- The R/V Marcus Langseth successfully completed a landmark 4D seismic repeat survey at the East Pacific Rise 9°50'N segment, the first academic time-lapse seismic experiment on the vessel.
- A new cruise investigating the Guerrero Seismic Gap (Middle America Trench) collected over 1,300 km of high-resolution MCS data and 140+ heat flow measurements, revealing abundant faulting, thin sediment cover, and hydrothermal circulation signatures.
- OBSIC is having an exceptionally busy year with five concurrent cruises and has launched new website tools for instrument availability tracking and enhanced data metrics.
- The SZ4D center proposal (\$15M, 5-year) was declined; PIs are encouraged to pursue coordinated research through traditional core program funding.
- Committee membership transitions are planned for December 2026, including rotation of Andrew, Jared, and Shuoshuo off the committee, and succession planning for the chair position.
- The Desk to Deck outreach program run by Cody Bahlau from the Langseth has reached over 1,000 students across 35+ classrooms in its first 1.5 years.

## Action Items

- ALL presenters, upload presentation slides to the MSROC folder for website archiving
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### Tara

- Send out the results of the early career workshop survey to the committee again.
  - 📄 MSROC Early Career Workshop: Post Workshop Survey (Responses)
- Share the mid-scale ROV update slides with the community.
  - 📄 2026 DeSSC mROV Spring meeting.pdf

### Zach

- Solicit interest from community members, especially early career, to serve on the OBSIC OS (OBS Instrument Center Oversight Subcommittee), and communicate upcoming openings.

## Collaboration

- Lindsay/Committee: Solicit letters of interest for new regional planning (e.g., Pacific) in early fall, with a target of September-ish timeframe.
- Lindsay/Committee: Solicit nominations/self-nominations for new committee members (to replace Andrew, Jared, Shuoshuo, and possibly chair Lindsay) over summer/early fall, with changeover planned for December.
- Committee Members (especially outgoing USGS rep Jared): Nominate candidates, particularly from USGS, to maintain agency representation on the committee.
- Lindsay/Committee: Plan for December changeover meeting to thank outgoing members and welcome new members/chair in person.
- Lindsay/Committee: Solicit agenda item suggestions from the community for the next (fall) community meeting over the summer.
- Committee/Interested Members: Submit letters of interest for future regional planning to help NSF and the committee understand community priorities and proposal pressure.

## Summary

### UNOLS Committee Spring Meeting Introductions

The meeting began with introductions from committee members attending the remote spring meeting, including seismologists, marine geophysicists, and representatives from various institutions. Lindsay Worthington, the committee chair, led the introductions and noted the presence of both academic and industry members. The conversation ended the introductions portion by reviewing the UNOLS code of conduct and setting expectations for respectful and collegial interactions.

### Review of December 2025 Early Career Workshop and Community Meeting

#### Summary

Maureen provided updates on two recent meetings held in New Orleans before AGU: an early career meeting on Saturday with 45 registered attendees and a community meeting on Sunday with 94 registered attendees. Both meetings were well-attended with strong student engagement, particularly during the early career Q&A panel on opportunities in marine seismology. Key follow-up items identified included providing networking training for early career researchers, organizing OBS facilities and data processing workshops, and addressing the emerging SBP-29 tool coordination needs. Tara agreed to resend the survey results from the early career workshop, which received mostly positive feedback.

Maureen presented highlights from the MSROC Early Career Workshop (December 13, 2025) and Community Meeting (December 14, 2025), both held at Loyola University, New Orleans, in conjunction with AGU.

- **Details**

- Maureen: Early career workshop had 45 registered and ~33 confirmed attendees; nearly all who requested financial support received it. Sessions covered experiment planning, interacting with marine facilities, proposal preparation (Dan Lizaroldi), and a career panel titled "Opportunities for Marine Seismologists" with panelists from government, industry, and academia.
- Maureen: Community meeting had 94 registered and ~65 confirmed attendees. Highlights included a remembrance of Jeff Rupert by Sean, lightning talks organized by Shosho, an ONR grant overview by Candice Carys-Betty, NSF updates from Gail, committee updates, and science talks on high-resolution imaging, DAS seismology, the EPIC project, and Tonga fieldwork.
- Maureen: Early career attendees requested more content on networking tips, OBS skill-building/processing workshops, and CV development.
- Maureen: Broad interest emerged in creating a working group/workshop for SBP-29 users to ensure data consistency and quality.
- Tara Clemente: A post-meeting survey was sent to early career attendees; results were mostly positive and will be re-circulated.
- Gail Christeson: Noted that Q&A engagement was particularly strong at the early career workshop.
- **Conclusion**
  - Both meetings were well-attended and well-received.
  - Action items identified: circulate survey results, consider formalizing networking and CV development content for future workshops, and explore an SBP-29 working group.
  - The next community meeting will be held the Sunday before the AGU; the committee will begin agenda planning over the summer.

## **NSF Marine Geophysics Program Updates**

### **Summary**

Gail provided comprehensive updates on NSF reorganization, including the elimination of divisions, reduced workforce, and changes to hiring practices, while noting that core science programs are still accepting proposals and emphasizing that adding buzzwords like AI should be authentic to avoid reviewer skepticism. The conversation ended with a question from Maureen about program impacts from the division changes, which Gail addressed by explaining that while divisions have been eliminated, programs and their managers remain intact. Gail provided updates on NSF's marine geophysics program, explaining that while organizational changes removed divisions, the program structure remained largely unchanged with herself and Emily Estes as the two program officers handling proposals. She confirmed that funding has been significantly reduced across all programs, with 100% reduction affecting their ability to fund everything, though they haven't spent out their full FY26 budget yet due to recent fund access. Gail noted that while they're still funding some field programs, they cannot fund the same number as previously, and the slower approval process due to political appointee requirements is creating additional delays.

## NSF Update

Gail Christeson provided a detailed update on NSF-wide and GEO Directorate changes.

- **Details**

- Gail Christeson: NSF has undergone a reorganization — divisions have been eliminated within directorates; major facilities (including the Academic Research Fleet) have moved to the Office of the Director. Senior Executive Service positions were restructured.
- Gail Christeson: Workforce is reduced; fewer federal employees and a drastic reduction in rotators. A new hiring plan approved by OPM emphasizes early career hiring (science analyst/assistant positions at levels 81 and 82, with promotion potential to program officer level).
- Gail Christeson: Fewer, broader solicitations are being released; solicitations are in progress but delayed. Core science programs are still accepting proposals.
- Gail Christeson: NSF is relocating buildings; most staff are teleworking. All panels are currently remote.
- Gail Christeson: Acting Director is Brian Stone; a presidential nominee for NSF Director has been named but not yet confirmed by Congress.
- Gail Christeson: Overall NSF budget has a small reduction from last year, but presidential priorities (AI, quantum) have reduced core program budgets. NSF has received approximately 90% of its funds; the remaining 10% is pending.
- Gail Christeson: GEO Directorate head is JD Kundu; deputy heads are Jen Mercer and Anna Johansen. Programs still exist; no merging of programs has occurred.
- Gail Christeson: MGG has two program officers — herself and Emily Estes. Workload has increased significantly; community members are urged to respond to ad hoc review requests and serve on panels.
- Gail Christeson: Fewer large field programs will be funded due to budget reductions, but MGG is still funding some field programs. Proposal pressure is still encouraged.
- Gail Christeson: Facilities budget (including the ARF) has not been as severely impacted as science program budgets. There is a backlog of funded projects awaiting ship time.
- Gail Christeson: Adding AI/quantum buzzwords to proposals without genuine relevance is discouraged and may hinder funding chances.
- Gail Christeson: Award approvals now require higher-level sign-off than in the past, slowing the process; most awards for FY26 are expected in the coming months.
- Maureen: Asked about the impact of removing divisions on program merging — Gail confirmed no programs have been merged.
- Donna Shillington: Asked whether proposal preparation should change given the reorganization — Gail confirmed proposals should be prepared the same way; the change is primarily internal/supervisory.
- Andrew Gase: Asked whether reduced funding is affecting seagoing research — Gail confirmed there will be fewer funded field programs.
- Anne Becel: Asked about remaining FY26 funds — Gail confirmed funds were only recently made available and most awards will come in the next few months.

- John Collins: Raised concern about instrumentation falling a generation behind in technology (e.g., chip technology for power reduction and enhanced capability).
- Anne Becel: Asked about OMB's proposed rule for political appointee screening of proposals — Gail stated no official guidance has been received at NSF.
- **Conclusion**
  - Core program budgets are reduced; fewer field programs will be funded in the near term.
  - The facilities budget is relatively stable, but science funding and ship time funding must be balanced.
  - Community members should continue submitting strong proposals, respond to review requests, and watch for new solicitations

## UNOLS Spring Council Updates

Tara Clemente presented slides from the UNOLS Spring Council Meeting (University of Southern Mississippi, Gulfport) and related RVOC and Safety Committee meetings at WHOI and elsewhere.

- **Details**
  - Tara Clemente: The 2026 ship schedule is fairly full; 2027 scheduling is underway. Fuel costs are a concern for the facilities budget.
  - Tara Clemente: The University of Hawaii explored using Academic Research Fleet (ARF) vessels for commercial work to offset funding concerns, but found it is not straightforward due to contracting and liability issues.
  - Tara Clemente: The R/V Roger Revelle experienced a small fire; response was swift and no one was injured. Lessons learned from the NOAA Rainier and Ron Brown fires were shared across the fleet, promoting a culture of shared lessons learned.
  - Tara Clemente: A sexual harassment reporting matrix is in progress to guide operators on reporting incidents involving multi-institutional science parties.
  - Tara Clemente: An mROV update was provided by WHOI on medium-sized ROVs.
  - Tara Clemente: The Sikuliaq and Roger Revelle supported the U.S. Antarctic Program; the Sikuliaq faced ice challenges in the Weddell Sea.
  - Tara Clemente: The MATE internship program has had 7 interns this year (down from 15 due to budget cuts); the Maxwell Hanrahan Foundation and Kongsberg have helped keep the program going by providing support.
  - Tara Clemente: The AMRCC completed its report on science mission capabilities for new icebreakers; available on the UNOLS website.
  - Tara Clemente: RCRV delivery schedule — Taani expected March 2027, Narragansett Dawn July 2027, Gilbert R. Mason January 2028.
  - Tara Clemente: 2027 ship scheduling virtual kickoff was held in May; Thompson in the Pacific/Atlantic, Atlantis in the Pacific, Armstrong in the North Atlantic, Ride in the Eastern Pacific, Langseth in the Caribbean and Pacific.

- Lindsay Worthington: Noted discussions at the council meeting about strategic placement of the academic research fleet for U.S. Extended Continental Shelf Project and NOAA seafloor mapping coordination.
- Sean Higgins: Commended Tara Clemente for significant work on the harassment reporting guidelines.
- Gail Christeson: Highlighted the mid-scale ROV update as potentially useful for shallow-water operations in this community.
- **Conclusion**
  - Fleet operations are continuing despite budget pressures; commercial work is possible but complex.
  - Harassment reporting and safety culture improvements are ongoing priorities.
  - RCRV new vessel deliveries are on a rolling schedule beginning March 2027.

## **OBSIC Facility Update**

### **Summary**

John provided updates on the 2026 experiment schedule, which includes five cruises supporting various deployments and recoveries of OBS instruments across different locations. He announced new features on the OPSIC website, including a page showing instrument availability by month, and updates to the Data Metrics Hub that now allow for downloading individual hourly power spectral density curves and providing clock corrections for unrecovered OBSs. John also discussed instrumentation updates, including plans to deploy new Sercel instruments and Manta broadband OBSs, with the latter being built as part of a \$6.5 million mid-scale research initiative award.

John Collins presented an update on OPSIC operations, website improvements, data metrics, and instrumentation.

### **Details**

- John Collins: OPSIC has five active cruises in 2026:
  - Doug Wiens deployment of 20 broadband OBSs in the Western Pacific (Matthew Hunter Trench, Fiji to New Caledonia).
  - Active source experiment for Brandon Shuck in the western North Atlantic (July–August), using 52 short-period OBSs; Lamont split the cruise into two sub-cruises to reduce personnel burden.
  - A20 broadband OBS deployment for Jeff Abers offshore North Island, New Zealand (September), Wellington to Auckland.
  - Recovery of 27 broadbands and 27 ocean bottom electromagnetic instruments for Samer Nafe and Jim Geraghty (instruments deployed ~15 months).
  - Recovery of 44 broadbands for Zach Eilon at the Galapagos Triple Junction (also ~15 months deployment).

- John Collins: New OBSIC website page shows instrument availability by month (broadbands, short periods, rapid response), color-coded by status (deployed, scheduled, mobilizing/demobilizing, available). The community is encouraged to call OBSIC to confirm availability.
- John Collins: Data Metrics Hub enhancements by Andrew Barclay include: percent good hours at experiment, station, and channel levels; downloadable hourly power spectral density (PSD) curves with a Python script; and clock corrections for OBSs recovered without powered clocks using ambient noise cross-correlation (applied to GOFAR transform experiment data). Compliance and tilt corrections for broadband OBSs are forthcoming.
- John Collins: MSRI proposal to build 120 short-period OBSs was not funded. For Brandon Shuck's experiment, three new instrument types will be tested: CerCEL microbes (MEMS accelerometer, 9 units at HUI funded by USGS), a custom titanium-housed MEMS instrument with EdgeTech acoustic release, and traditional geophones for comparison.
- John Collins: CerCEL is now offering improved acoustic transponder capability (requires two Duncan transducers); OBSIC plans to add CerCEL instruments to the rapid response fleet.
- John Collins: The Manta broadband OBS fleet (funded by a \$6.5M mid-scale research initiative) now has 42 instruments (originally promised 35); 20 deployed for Doug Wiens, 20 for Jeff Abers.
- **Conclusion**
  - OBSIC is at peak operational capacity in 2026 with significant personnel demands.
  - New website tools and data metrics enhancements improve community access to instrument planning and data quality information.
  - New instrument types are being field-tested; the Manta broadband fleet is exceeding original build targets.

## **R/V Marcus Langseth Facility Update**

### **Summary**

Sean provided an update on the ship's activities since the end of last year, including maintenance in San Diego, preparation for the Parnell Turner 4D experiment, and current transit across the Pacific to Costa Rica. He discussed upcoming cruises, including a STEMSEAS cruise from Panama to Savannah and a planned shipyard visit in September-October. Sean also highlighted the need for environmental permitting for a new Aleutian Gulf of Alaska seismic project and updates on the Langseth Seismic System, including recent upgrades and testing.

Sean Higgins presented the 2026 Langseth schedule and system updates.

### ● **Details**

- Sean Higgins: 2026 schedule highlights:

- Maintenance in San Diego following the Spinelli cruise in Mexico.
- Completed the Parnell-Turner 4D seismic experiment (February–March 2026), including a field trial in early February.
- Converted to oceanographic configuration in 10 days; currently transiting 9 North across the Pacific (Marshall Islands to Costa Rica, ~120 CTD stations), arriving Panama in early July.
- STEMSeas cruise from Panama to Savannah, Georgia (~8 days).
- Brandon Shuck cruise (52 OBSs, 15K streamer, US East Coast to Bermuda area).
- Shipyard period planned for mid-September through October (location being finalized).
- Polson mooring retrieval cruise in the South Atlantic (Cape Verde to US East Coast).
- Discussions ongoing with Rob Evans and Steve Constable about potential EM cruises in the Caribbean in early 2027.
- Sean Higgins: The Aleutian/Gulf of Alaska project (Cook Inlet area) has been recommended for funding; environmental permitting is beginning and will likely take most of the next year. Lindsay Worthington, Anne Bécel, and Donna Shillington will be involved in outreach.
- Sean Higgins: The 4D experiment provided a major system shakedown after ~7 years since the last 3D project (2019) and ~17 months since the source was last fired. Lessons learned include storage and testing protocols for infrequently used systems, hydraulics maintenance, and the challenge of limited experienced personnel.
- Sean Higgins: Recent upgrades include a new 600-meter source umbilical and termination (fifth spare), and a CNAV positioning system upgrade.
- Sean Higgins: Upcoming critical system replacements funded by Tim McGovern/NSF: CPATH, POSMV, and central processing upgrade for the ORCA navigation system (most systems 13–14 years old, past end of life).
- **Conclusion**
  - The R/V Langseth has a full and dynamic 2026 schedule.
  - Critical navigation and positioning system upgrades are underway.
  - Lessons learned from the 4D cruise will inform future system maintenance and readiness protocols.

## **Scripps Portable MCS System Update**

Lee Ellett provided a verbal update on Scripps portable MCS systems, support for Julian Bunnell's GI gun setup, and plans for a 2027 MCS cruise with Hannah Mark, as well as the completion of SPP 29 installation on the US Coast Guard icebreaker Healy.

- **Details**
  - Lee Ellett: Portable MCS gear has been stowed since its last cruise in September 2025.
  - Lee Ellett: Nick Benz was sent on the Langseth sea trials out of San Diego (NSF-supported), fostering collaboration with Langseth technical staff.
  - Lee Ellett: Supporting Julian Bunnell at Scripps with a single GI gun and small compressor setup for ocean acoustics work.

- Lee Ellett: Final compressor service (included in original purchase) is scheduled for late summer; annual contractual servicing will follow.
- Lee Ellett: Planning for a 2027 MCS cruise with Hannah Mark.
- Lee Ellett: Completing SBP-29 installation on the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker Healy (slight shipyard delay); sea acceptance trials expected within 1–2 months. Supported through the STARK program, program manager Frank Rack (formerly Polar Programs).
- **Conclusion**
  - Scripps portable MCS systems are in maintenance/planning phase.
  - SBP-29 installation on Healy is nearly complete, expanding the tool's availability to the polar research community.

### **Cocos Plate Seismic Research Findings**

Kain Lager-Lowe (UNM) presented findings from a December cruise investigating tectonic structure and thermal properties of the incoming Cocos Plate near the Guerrero Seismic Gap. The team collected over 1,300 kilometers of high-resolution seismic data and 140 successful heat flow measurements, finding abundant normal faulting, thin sediment cover, and variable sediment thickness across the Cocos Plate. Preliminary heat flow data showed lower than expected values, indicating hydrothermal circulation, with variations linked to structural settings around seamounts and normal faults. The international science party included graduate students from Mexico and collaborators from CCSE in Ensenada. Pablo then began presenting on the East Pacific Rise 950 segment cruise, explaining its motivation as a time-lapse follow-up to a previous 2008 3D seismic experiment that revealed important insights about magma systems and melt distribution.

### **3D Seismic Survey Results Presentation**

Pablo Canales (WHOI) presented the results of a 3D seismic survey conducted in February 2026, which successfully repeated a survey from 2008 to study changes in a mid-ocean ridge system. The survey was motivated by predictions of a volcanic eruption around 2025-2026, and the team was able to capture data before the April 2025 eruption actually occurred. The 2026 survey achieved 100% of its objectives with over 2,500 kilometers of survey lines and matched acquisition parameters as closely as possible to the 2008 data to enable proper comparison. Initial analysis showed that the 2025 eruption's extent could be mapped through differential bathymetry, and the team is now working with industry partner Viridian to conduct time-lapse 3D processing of both datasets, with initial results expected by early 2027.

### **Desk to Deck Ocean Outreach Program**

Cody Bahlau presented the DeskDeck outreach program, which has reached over 1,000 students across 35 classrooms over the past year and a half through live streaming from research vessels. The program covers ocean literacy principles, vessel operations, and current research activities, with Cody providing age-appropriate content and interactive elements including videos and data visualization. The program has expanded to include international outreach efforts and partnerships with organizations like Exploration by the City, with plans for

upcoming presentations to 140 libraries through StarNet and potential collaborations in Bermuda and Panama.

## **SZ4D Update**

Helen Janiszewski provided updates on SZ4D, including the recent decline of a \$15 million NSF center proposal and encouraged PIs to pursue research through traditional funding means. She mentioned ongoing work on the multi-hazard array and a new Moore Foundation proposal focused on volcano forecasting.

- **Details**

- Helen: SZ4D focuses on hazards science at subduction zones (Alaska, Cascadia, Chile). A community meeting was held in Long Beach, California, in April 2026.
- Helen: A \$15M, 5-year NSF center proposal was declined just before the April meeting. PIs are encouraged to pursue coordinated research through traditional core program funding; no waiting period is needed.
- Helen: Key gaps from the center proposal not easily filled by PI-funded research include: an overarching data center (conversations with Earthscope being explored) and a significant education/outreach/professional development component (Mike Brzezinski is pursuing options).
- Helen: SZ4D continues as a steering committee and collaborative network with science matchmaking resources on the website.
- Helen: Planning for the multi-hazard array (offshore instrumentation in Chile, Cascadia, Alaska) is ongoing; the MSRI call has not yet been released, but a working group is doing preparatory work. NSF funded a modest exploratory data analysis and array design project.
- Helen: Emily Brodsky (SZ4D lead) has been invited to submit a MREFC-type proposal (~\$2.5M, 3 years) focused on volcano forecasting/hindcasting; a competition with 3 funded groups is anticipated. Open to all interested participants.
- Helen: The committee structure has been shrinking; specific science focus groups (faulting and earthquake cycle, magmatic drivers, landscapes and seascapes) have been sunsetted. A smaller core governance committee will continue for at least the next year.
- Sean Higgins: Asked about the future of the initiative without center funding — Helen confirmed the committee will continue, particularly in support of the Moore Foundation proposal and MSRI efforts, but is not in a growth phase.

- **Conclusion**

- The SZ4D center proposal was declined; the initiative continues in a reduced capacity.
- PIs are encouraged to pursue coordinated PI-based proposals; SZ4D governance can provide coordination support and letters of collaboration.
- The multi-hazard array and volcano forecasting proposal represent the most active near-term opportunities for this community.

## **OBSIC-OS Subcommittee Introduction**

Zach Eilon introduced himself as the new chair of the OBSIC-OS (OBS Instrument Center Oversight Subcommittee) and previewed the upcoming in-person meeting, focusing on facility updates, long-term strategy, and outreach to early career researchers.

- **Details**

- Zach Eilon: New chair, rotating on from UCSB. Thanked outgoing chair Jim Garrity for six years of service.
- Zach Eilon: Committee members: Anne Becel (rotating off), Matt Wei (rotating off), Wenyuan Fan, Brandon Shuck, Emily Roland (new), Joshua Russell (new). John Collins, Andrew Barclay, Gail Christeson, and Tara Clemente also participate.
- Zach Eilon: Seeking new committee members — those interested in OBS instruments or data should contact him.
- Zach Eilon: In-person meeting scheduled June 10–11, 2026, at UTIG, Austin, Texas.
- Zach Eilon: Meeting agenda: (1) facility status, operations, data usage, and data tools; (2) longer-term strategy, instrumentation vision, and budget landscape; (3) outreach, community building, and engagement of early career OBS users and proposers.
- Zach Eilon: A key committee priority is refreshing the pool of OBS experiment proposers, particularly early career PIs. Community members with early career mentees are encouraged to connect them with the committee.

- **Conclusion**

- OBSIC-OS is transitioning leadership and seeking new members.
- The June 10–11 meeting will address facility operations, strategic planning, and community engagement.

## **Committee Business — Membership, Chair Succession, and Regional Planning**

Lindsay Worthington led a brief committee-only discussion on membership transitions, chair succession, and Langseth regional planning. The committee discussed plans for regional planning and letters of interest for the Langseth vessel, with Gail suggesting they continue the current Eastern Pacific to Western Pacific transition plan. The group also addressed membership changes, with Andrew, Jared, and Shuoshuo rotating off the committee, and decided to implement a December changeover timeline for new members and the chair position. Lindsay agreed to serve as chair for the upcoming meeting while the committee seeks a new chair and solicits new members.

- **Details**

- Lindsay Worthington: Three committee members are approaching the end of their terms: Andrew Gase, Jared Kleusner, and Shuoshuo Han. Lindsay is also in her third year as chair.
- Tara Clemente: Confirmed term end dates from committee records.
- Maureen: Confirmed her term ends in December 2025 (three years).

- Lindsay Worthington: Proposed transitioning new members in December (at the in-person AGU meeting) rather than May, to allow in-person acknowledgment of outgoing members and welcoming of new ones.
- Lindsay Worthington: Will solicit new members and a new chair via Google form (end of summer/early fall); nominations of self or others are welcome.
- Jared: Suggested maintaining USGS representation on the committee; proposed a potential USGS candidate (Danny) to fill his spot.
- Shuoshuo: Asked whether nominations of others are possible — confirmed yes.
- Patrick Hart: Provided historical context on chair selection (typically self-nomination or "voluntold"); noted prior chairs are term-limited.