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, aircraft, and facilities required to support a healthy and vigorous research and education program in the ocean sciences. Currently, UNOLS is actively engaged in the academic research fleet modernization efforts, in exploring environmental sustainability for the fleet, and in outreach initiatives for students and early career scientists. 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 UNOLS Council seats. 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 Deborah Steinberg (Chair), Chris Measures, and Tammi Richards has been formed to prepare a slate of candidates. Nominations are being sought from UNOLS institutions to fill four Council positions opening in 2015. Requirements for the positions are as follows:

- Two At-Large Positions - affiliation with any UNOLS institution.
- One Operator Position - affiliation with a UNOLS facility operator institution
- One Non-Operator Position - affiliation with a UNOLS institution other than a facility operator

Nominations for the slate may be submitted by anyone affiliated with a UNOLS institution to <office@unols.org>. Self-nominations are welcome. A 2-page CV and statement of interest should accompany all nominations. Nominations are due by July 1, 2015. 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 at the 2015 Annual Meeting in the fall. For more information about UNOLS and its activities, visit the website, http://www.unols.org. The UNOLS Charter is located at: https://www.unols.org/what-unols/unols-charter