



## UNOLS Update

- COVID-19 risk assessments, risk mitigation and protocols continue
  - Science cruises have continued safely
  - Recent updates to UNOLS guidelines that relax protocols, particularly for vaccinated personnel
  - Science parties can begin to transition back to pre-pandemic sizes, academic/student cruises & outreach activities can start again
- Continued develop & roll-out of UNOLS Marine Facilities Planning (MFP)
  - 2022 fleet scheduling is proceeding along in MFP
  - Scientists are submitting Ship-time and Marine Equipment requests
  - Cruise planning roll-out will start this month starting with 3 ship operators.
  - Vendor continues to incorporate UNOLS suggested improvements
- Virtual meetings continue but starting to look for opportunities to return to in-person meetings



# Next AICC Chair



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## • b.) Nominations/Officers

- Applications/nominations for membership to the AICC and the AICC Chair will be reviewed and voted on by the standing AICC. The standing AICC will select one nominee for each open position and forward the nomination to the UNOLS Chair. The UNOLS Chair, with the endorsement of the UNOLS Council, shall appoint the AICC members and the AICC Chair from the nominations put forward by the AICC.
- The AICC can appoint a Vice Chair who shall function as the AICC Chair in the absence of the Chair. In the event the Chair cannot participate in a UNOLS Council meeting, the AICC Vice Chair shall stand in and fully participate including participation in any votes that are required.
- The Chair of this Committee shall be an ex officio member of the UNOLS Council and shall keep the Council and the UNOLS membership informed of its activities.



- We will post a Call for Nominations similar to what we did last year for a new Chair & new members.
- The Call will be:
  - Posted on the UNOLS website
  - Posted in the UNOLS Newsletter
  - Emailed to the UNOLS community

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## Call for Nominations

### Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC)

The Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC), a committee of the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS), serves a liaison function by providing oversight and advice to the National Science Foundation's Office of Polar Programs and to U.S. research icebreaker operators, for the purpose of enhancing scientific facilities and capabilities aboard U.S. research icebreakers, primarily the *USCGC HEALY* (operator: United States Coast Guard) and the *RV SIKULIAQ* (operator: University of Alaska Fairbanks). The AICC solicits, synthesizes, and presents the needs of the Arctic science community to the icebreaker operators and to the NSF, fulfilling an ombudsman role when necessary and facilitating the efficient and effective execution of scientific research by U.S. icebreakers. The AICC also promotes new technology for Arctic research and its utilization on U.S. icebreakers, and provides information to the scientific community to facilitate national and international research projects on Arctic icebreakers. The AICC accomplishes these tasks through email discussions, telephone debriefs of current-year research cruises, and annual meetings and telephone conferences. Annual meetings are typically held in person at Coast Guard Base Seattle, where the *USCGC HEALY* is based. Additional AICC teleconferences are also scheduled. Travel costs for AICC members for these meetings are supported through the UNOLS office.

AICC is currently seeking applications for three new members willing to help the Arctic scientific community meet these needs over a three-year term, starting in mid-2021. Nominees should be polar scientists with an expertise in chemical, physical, biological or geological oceanography or in meteorology; with polar field experience, particularly icebreaker experience; and a record of Arctic research. The disciplinary balance and expertise of the current AICC membership, and diversity of institutional representation, are additional considerations. Application packages should include a CV with a cover letter that includes (a) field experience; (b) Arctic research publication record; (c) and expression of interest in the AICC's activities. Interested applicants are invited to submit their applications to the UNOLS Office by e-mail ([office@unols.org](mailto:office@unols.org)) by August 31, 2021.

For further information about the AICC, please visit: