

Agenda

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UNOLS ANNUAL MEETING Thursday and Friday, October 11-12, 2007

**The National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Boulevard
Stafford I, Room 375
Arlington, VA 22230**

1300 Introduction and Welcome – Marcia McNutt, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and will give a brief summary of the issues of current interest to UNOLS. She will also summarize the major accomplishments within UNOLS over the last year. Participant introductions.

~ 1:30 PM ~

Keynote Address

[Dr. Arden L. Bement, Jr.](#)

Director, National Science Foundation

1410 UNOLS Membership Votes: Ballots will be distributed prior to the break.

UNOLS Council Elections: Elections for the following UNOLS Council positions will be held

- Non-Operator Representative (3 year term) - from among designated UNOLS Member Non-Operator institutions
- UNOLS Council Member At-large (3-year term) At-large, affiliated with any Member Institution.

The slate of nominees can be viewed at:

<<http://archive.unols.org/meetings/2007/200710anu/slate07.html>>.

UNOLS Charter Revisions and Re-Adoption – Proposed revisions to the UNOLS Charter can be viewed at

1415 Break

1430 2008 Fleet Operations: Fleet Operations and UNOLS Recommendations – Liz Brenner (Ship Scheduling Committee Co-Chair) will summarize UNOLS and Agency activities over the past year to address budgets, utilization and fleet operations.

1500 Federal Agency Reports - Information from Federal Agencies (NSF, ONR, NRL, Oceanographer of the Navy, NOAA, USCG, USGS, MMS, DOS and DOE) on Fleet Renewal Activities, 2007 activities, and forecasts for 2008 and beyond. Specific topics to be covered include:

- National Science Foundation:
 - o Regional Class Acquisition Status and Operator Selection
 - o Personnel Changes
- Office of Naval Research:
 - o Ocean Class Acquisition Plans

1600 Facility Renewal Plans and Activities (not already reported by the Agency Representatives):

- Alaska Region Research Vessel Acquisition Status – Denis Wiesenburg
- R/V *Marcus G. Langseth* Conversion – Mike Purdy
- Replacement Human Occupied Vehicle – Bob Detrick
- Fleet Improvement Committee: Fleet Improvement Plan, Future Facility Utilization Projections and Recommendations, Ship Scheduling Model, Ocean Observatory Projections– Dave Hebert (FIC Chair)
- Interagency Working Group on Facilities – Plans for developing a Facility Implementation Plan – Bob Winokur

1700 Adjourn – Day 1

****An evening reception hosted by UNOLS will follow immediately afterward****

0800 *Coffee and Pastries*

0830 **Call Day-2 of the Meeting to Order:** Marcia McNutt, UNOLS Chair.

- **UNOLS Elections Results**

0845 **Consortium for Oceanographic Leadership (COL)** – A report on the new COL organization and their future plans.

0900 **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Marcia McNutt will introduce the UNOLS Committee Chairs who will report on their activities.

- **Ship Scheduling Committee (SSC)** – Liz Brenner, SSC Co-Chair, will review any ship-scheduling activities and recommendations from the past year that have not already been reported.
- **Research Vessel Operators' Committee (RVOC)** – Matt Hawkins, RVOC Chair, will review the highlights of the 2007 RVOC meeting and Committee activities over the past year. Matt will report on RVOC's efforts to define safe working loads for wire use and on the update of the Research Vessel Safety Standards.
- **Research Vessel Technical Enhancement Committee (RVTEC)** – Bill Martin, RVTEC Chair, will report on RVTEC activities in 2007 and plans for the RVTEC Annual Meeting to be hosted by Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. He will report on the subcommittee's efforts to address frequency spectrum management issues.
- **Fleet Improvement Committee (FIC)** – David Hebert, Chair, will report on Committee projects, including Ocean Class Science Mission Requirements (SMRs) Global Vessel SMRs, and establishment of ADA Guidelines for UNOLS vessels.
- **Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (AICC)** – Carin Ashjian, AICC Chair, will report on the activities of the AICC in 2006/2007. She will report on science operations for *Healy* and the Polar Class Icebreakers in 2007 and planned for 2008.
- **Deep Submergence Science Committee (DESSC)** – Deb Kelley, DESSC Chair, will report on DESSC activities, including the National Deep Submergence Facility user interview process, the status of efforts to establish safety standards, and the survey on the ROV control van design.
- **Marcus Langseth Science Oversight Committee (MLSOC)** – Steve Holbrook, MLSOC Chair, will report on the Committee's first meeting and activities planned at the Fall AGU meeting.
- **Scientific Committee for Oceanographic Aircraft Research (SCOAR)** – Mike Prince will give the status and future plans for the committee.

Recognition of departing Council and Committee members.

1030 *Break*

1045 **Request for Proposals to Host the UNOLS Office** – The Cooperative Agreement to

host the UNOLS Office by Moss Landing Marine Office will expire on April 30, 2009. A solicitation for a new host will be announced in 2008. (Mike Prince)

1100 2007/2008 UNOLS Goals and Priorities – Marcia McNutt will present the 2007/2008 UNOLS Goals and Priorities as established by the UNOLS Council.

11:15 UNOLS Other Business and Activities of Interest – Brief updates on other UNOLS activities and issues of interest to the community.

- Ad hoc committee on Data Management Best Practices
- Crew and Marine Technician Retention and Hiring Issues
- American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidelines and Implementation
- Safety Standards for Human Occupied Vehicles
- R/V *M.G. Langseth* UNOLS Vessel Designation
- UNOLS Appointments to Committees: The UNOLS Chair will announce new appointments to the Executive Committee and standing committees in accordance with the UNOLS Charter.
- UNOLS Brochure
- UNOLS STR/Scheduling Database
- UNOLS Dues Accounting
- UNOLS Calendar and activities at winter conferences
- UNOLS Members may wish to raise additional issues.

1300 Adjourn