

# UNOLS COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 21, 2000, 8:30 am  
National Science Foundation  
Arlington, VA

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## NSF Room 1235

**8:30 am Call the Meeting:** Bob Knox, UNOLS Chair, will call the meeting to order and provide an opportunity for introductions.

**8:40 am Accept Minutes of the June 2000 Council Meeting.**

**8:45 am COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Bob Knox will provide a brief summary of the UNOLS Committee written reports and open the floor to a question/answer period. (Prior to the meeting, Committee Chairs submitted written reports on activities since the June Council meeting.) Chairs will identify any important issues that need to be addressed further by the Council.

**9:30 am FEDERAL AGENCY REPORTS:** Representatives of the Federal Agencies will be given an opportunity to report on activities of interest to the Council or to bring any issues before the council requiring their input or action.

**10:15 am *Morning Break***

**10:30 am Outreach Programs from UNOLS Vessels -** Dan Fornari (WHOI) will discuss ways of implementing outreach programs from UNOLS vessels.

**11:00 am Clearance Issues -** Bob Knox will report on potential clearance problems for 2001 operations in the Far East.

## UNOLS ISSUES

**11:15 am Quality of Service Initiative (QSI):**

**Quality Improvement Study -** Jeff Ford (Europort Ltd.) will review the findings of his company's study of selected UNOLS operations and will advise UNOLS on its efforts in the areas of safety, risk management, fleet efficiency, the implementation of quality standards and oversight, and certification issues.

**12:00 pm *Lunch***

**1:00 pm Quality of Service Initiative (*Continued*):**

**QSI Committee Report and Discussion -** Tim Cowles, committee chair will give a status report on strategies for instituting a Quality of Service Improvement program within the UNOLS fleet. Open discussion will follow.

**2:00 pm Long Range Planning for the UNOLS Fleet -** Larry Atkinson will review FIC's activities related to fleet planning, such as the FIC's web based document, fltplan.doc, and the article in the July 25<sup>th</sup> issue of EOS. Agency representatives will discuss the fleet planning process being undertaken by the

Federal Oceanographic Facilities Committee (FOFC). Tim Cowles and Larry Atkinson will review the findings and recommendations of their workshop held in August at OSU on fleet planning.

**3:00 pm Afternoon Break**

**3:20 am Discussion on any Ship Scheduling Issues in 2001** - Joe Ustach, Mike Prince and Bob Knox will identify any potential issues related to ship scheduling in 2001.

**3:40 pm Nomination Committee Report and Recommendations for Changes to the Nomination Process** - The first Council terms of Bob Knox (Chair), Tim Cowles, Barbara Prezelin, and Tom Shipley are expiring in 2000 as well as the second term of Tom Royer (Vice Chair). The nominating committee will present their proposed slate of candidates to the Council and discuss the challenges faced in preparing the slate. Recommendations for changing the nomination process will be discussed.

**3:55 pm Application for UNOLS Vessel Status** - University of Miami has applied for UNOLS Vessel status for R/V F. G. WALTON SMITH.

**4:00 pm Meeting plans and Office Budget** - Preliminary review of plans for meetings during 2001 (see calendar below) and recommendations regarding the UNOLS office budget for next year.

**4:15 pm Other UNOLS Issues** (Items below will be addressed if not already discussed in earlier reports or discussions)

- **Seismic Acquisition Issues and UNOLS Fleet Capabilities** - Follow up on the need for any UNOLS action in this area.
- **ADCP Improvements** —Charlie Flagg will report on any activities to improve the quality and availability of hull mounted ADCPs in the UNOLS fleet.
- **New Ship Construction** - Updates since the June Council meeting on the status of:
  - R/V SAVANNAH construction
  - Replacement plans for CAPE HENLOPEN
  - Regional Ship Replacement Activities
  - ALPHA HELIX Replacement plans
  - WHOI's SWATH construction
  - AGOR 26 construction
  - NOAA FRV
- **SeaNet Update** - An update on the status of SeaNet will be provided.
- **ATV Transfer Plans.**
- **Winch and Wire Symposium** - Report on plans to implement recommendations from the symposium.
- **DESCEND Workshop** - Patty Fryer will provide an update on the report from the Developing Submergence SCience into the Next Decade, DESCEND workshop along with follow-on plans.
- **UNOLS/NOAA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** - Review the status of the draft MOU between NOAA and UNOLS.
- **UNOLS Brochure** - It is now available.

**Other business.**

*Adjourn*

### 2000 Calendar for UNOLS Meetings

Meeting	Location	Dates
Schedule Review	NSF, Arlington, VA	September 20, 2000 (Wed)
FIC	NSF, Arlington, VA	September 20, 2000 (Wed)
UNOLS Council	NSF, Arlington, VA	September 21, 2000 (Thurs)
UNOLS Annual	NSF, Arlington, VA	September 22, 2000 (Fri)
RVTEC	Palisades, NY (LDEO)	October 18 - 20, 2000 (W-F)
RVOC	Newport, OR (OSU)	October 24 - 26, 2000 (T-Th)
DESSC	San Francisco, CA (AGU)	December 14, 2000 (Thur)

### 2001 Calendar for UNOLS Meetings

Meeting	Location	Dates
AICC	NSF, Arlington, VA	Jan - Feb
Council	???	Jan - Feb
FIC	???	Feb - Mar
DESSC	WHOI, MA	June
Council	???	June or July
Ship Scheduling Committee	NSF, Arlington, VA	July
AICC	Seattle, WA	August or September
Schedule Review	NSF, Arlington, VA	September
FIC	NSF, Arlington, VA	September
UNOLS Council	NSF, Arlington, VA	September
UNOLS Annual	NSF, Arlington, VA	September
RVTEC	URI	October
RVOC	URI	October
DESSC	San Francisco, CA (AGU)	December

### 2001 Major Oceanographic Conferences and Federal Agency Meetings

NOAA - Office of Marine and Aviation Operations Annual Conference	To be Announced	Jan 7-12, 2001
Oceanology	TBD	April 3-5, 2001
NSF OCE/Panels	NSF, Arlington, VA	May 21-25, 2001
AGU Spring Meeting	Boston, MA	May 29-June 2, 2001
MTS - Oceans 2001	Honolulu, HI	Nov 4-7, 2001
NSF OCE/Panels	NSF, Arlington, VA	Nov 12-16, 2001
AGU Fall Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Dec 10-14, 2001

