U.S. Advisory Committee for Scientific Ocean Drilling (USAC)
August 18-19, 2015; LDEO, Palisades, NY

Final Agenda

DAY ONE (9 AM – 5:30PM)

I. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Agenda
II. Reports from NSF and JOIDES Resolution Science Operator (Allan, Clement)
III. Report from USAC Chair (Jaeger)

Morning break (~10:30 AM)

IV. Report from USSSP (Brenner)
   A. Organization/staffing of new LDEO USSSP office
   B. Programs and Activities – continuing programs and new initiatives
      1) Program Development & Planning
      2) Pre-Drilling Activities
      3) Expedition Participation
      4) Post-Expedition Research
      5) Outreach and Education
   C. Fluid Review portal for proposals and applications
   D. Conflict of Interest Policy

Lunch (~12:30 PM)

V. Development of new Terms of Reference for USAC (Brenner, Jaeger)
   A. Discussion of January 2015 Best Practices document
      1) Expedition Staffing
      2) Nominations (Panels, Lecturers, Fellowships)
      3) Proposal Reviews (pre-drilling activities, workshops, PEAs)
      4) Outreach and Education
   B. Makeup and responsibilities of USAC and subcommittees
   C. Increased use of ad hoc reviewers

Afternoon break (~3:00 PM)

VI. Breakout review sessions
A. SEP nominations (Daigle, Hornbach, Jaeger, John) [~3:15 – 4:15 PM]
B. Ocean Discovery Lecture Series (Daigle, Passchier, Solomon) [4:15 – 5 PM]

VII. Day 1 summary and miscellaneous discussions

*Cocktails & dinner (~5:30 PM)*

**DAY TWO (9 AM - ??)**

VIII. Plenary Session

A. JRFB nominations
B. SEP nominations
C. Ocean Discovery Lecture Series nominations
D. Fluid Review portal – tutorial and discussion

*Morning break (~10:30 AM)*

E. Discussion of workshop review process
F. PEA review process
G. Apply to Sail update
H. ICDP request for new Scientific Drilling editor

IX. USAC Executive Session

*Lunch*

X. Consensus Statements, Action Items
XI. Closing Remarks, Plans for Next Meeting