

**U.S. Advisory Committee for Scientific Ocean Drilling  
January 28-30, 2013; Gainesville, Florida**

**Meeting Report**

**MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

**USAC Members**

Ivano Aiello	Moss Landing Marine Laboratories
Gail Christeson*	University of Texas at Austin
John Jaeger	University of Florida
Anthony Koppers (chair)	Oregon State University
Heath Mills	Texas A&M University
J. Casey Moore	University of California, Santa Cruz
Dick Norris	University of California, San Diego
Beth Orcutt	Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences
Peter Sak	Dickinson College
Anja Schleicher	University of Michigan

**Consortium for Ocean Leadership Staff**

Julie Farver	Manager, Meetings & Travel
Charna Meth	Associate Director, U.S. Science Support Program
Jen Collins	Teacher & School Program Specialist, Deep Earth Academy
Emily Powell	Program Specialist, U.S. Science Support Program
Jeff Schuffert	Director, U.S. Science Support Program
Matt Wright	Communications Manager, IODP

**Guests**

Tom Janecek	National Science Foundation
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\*Participated via Skype

## **USAC BUSINESS**

1. USAC unanimously approved the report from the June 2012 USAC meeting.
2. USAC unanimously approved the agenda for the January 2013 USAC meeting.
3. USAC welcomed new members Richard Norris (University of California San Diego), Beth Orcutt, and Peter Sak (Dickinson College). Terms for these members began on October 1, 2012 and will extend through the end of the program.
4. The summer 2013 USAC meeting was scheduled to take place in Washington, DC on June 25-27, 2013. Conference calls will be arranged after the meeting.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Eight presentations were given at the January 2013 USAC Meeting:

- US Science Support Program report (Schuffert)
- US Implementing Organization (Schuffert)
- National Science Foundation report (Janecek)
- Expedition 343 Japan Trench Fast Drilling Project (Moore)
- Expedition 342 Newfoundland Sediment Drifts (Norris)
- Education & Outreach – multiple presentations (Wright, Collins)
- Adopt-a-Microbe project report (Orcutt)
- Mini *JR* project report (Aiello)

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Workshops, Pre-drilling, and Nominations Subcommittee Report**

1. The subcommittee reviewed and provided funding recommendations for two workshop proposals. Topics included: (1) scientific ocean drilling legacy, and (2) an implementation plan for the New Zealand primary site to address the GeoPRISMS subduction cycles and deformation theme.
2. The subcommittee reviewed and provided funding recommendations for a pre-drilling proposal requesting support for U.S. scientists to participate on a site-survey cruise associated with a drilling proposal.
3. The subcommittee recommended nominations for the new *JOIDES Resolution* Facility Board (JRFB), including a U.S. Chair. The nominations will be sent to the National Science Foundation, and selected nominees will serve staggered terms beginning in early March 2013. After deliberation with the entire committee, USAC approved the nominations.
4. The subcommittee reviewed and recommended support for U.S. candidates for the IODP Forum Chair. After deliberation with the entire committee, USAC approved the recommendations. Letters of support will be sent to IODP-MI.

### **Staffing Subcommittee Report**

The subcommittee did not meet during this meeting; members participated in other subcommittee exercises.

### **Education and Outreach Subcommittee Report**

1. The subcommittee reviewed and made recommendations for the mini-grant program and its selection process. Suggestions included issuing separate calls for proposals from scientists and educators, setting targeted themes for future proposals, and posting funded projects on the website.
2. The subcommittee reviewed the Investigating Sediments activity and discussed ideas for improvement and expansion.
3. The subcommittee discussed and strategized future subcommittee responsibilities/tasks. Possible ideas include:
  - Developing small workshops focused on ocean drilling science and education,
  - Increasing the integration of sailing scientists and education officers prior to expeditions, and
  - Enhancing publicity with branding and social media.

### **Schlanger Fellowship Review Committee Report**

The review committee met on January 27, 2013, the day before the USAC meeting began, to review the 23 applications submitted for the Schlanger Ocean Drilling Fellowships. After careful deliberation, the committee recommended the top five candidates for receiving the 2013-2014 fellowships and identified two alternate candidates.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Action Item 1201-01:** Following the success of the sedimentology short course, USAC recommends exploring options for short courses in other themes (e.g., hard rock). Lead: Meth

**Action Item 1201-02:** USAC recommends that the education and outreach team develop a conceptual model of education and outreach program activities. Lead: Collins

**Action Item 1201-03:** USAC recommends that USSSP develop a focused social media strategy including a web resource page. Lead: Wright

**Action Item 1201-04:** USAC suggests that USSSP select members and plan for the next Management Assessment Committee. Lead: Schuffert

## **CONSENSUS STATEMENTS**

**Consensus Statement 1301-1:** USAC commends the work of the education and outreach staff. The committee is impressed by the large number of high quality and diverse activities carried out by a limited number of staff.

**Consensus Statement 1301-2:** USAC strongly endorses the recommendations listed in the report of the “Building U.S. Strategies for 2013-2023 Scientific Ocean Drilling” workshop and finds it critical that the *JOIDES Resolution* Facility Board takes those recommendations into account during decision-making.