

**U.S. Advisory Committee for  
Scientific Ocean Drilling (USAC)**

January 28-30, 2020

Galveston, TX

Draft Agenda

**Monday, January 27 (9 AM – 5 PM)**

*Schlanger Fellowship Review Session*

**Tuesday, January 28 (9 AM – 5 PM)**

I. *Welcome and Introductions*

- A. Welcome, introductions, rules of engagement, logistics (Torres, Labonté, Spencer)
- B. Approval of agenda, review of meeting goals, and action items from last meeting (Torres)

II. *Status Updates and Reports*

- A. Report from NSF (Allan)
- B. Report from Science Evaluation Panel and MSROC (Gulick, remotely)
- C. Report from JRSO (Clement)
- D. Report from JRFB (Neal)

III. *Reports from USSSP*

- A. Overview, shipboard staffing, next NSF/USSSP cooperative agreement, other items (Brenner)
- B. Science Report (Slagle)
- C. Education and Outreach (Cooper, Kurtz)

IV. *Update and Discussion on Science Framework Development (Koppers, remotely)*

[Cocktails and group dinner]

**Wednesday, January 29 (9 AM – 5 PM)**

V. *NSF Presentation on IODP-related Proposals*

- A. General trends in funding rates (if allowed to share)
  - 1. Proposals during moratorium periods
  - 2. Proposals for collection of site characterization data
- B. NSF strategies for handling of interdisciplinary proposals

VI. *Breakout Sessions*

- A. Education & Outreach Subcommittee – joidesresolution.org updates; diversity initiatives; review of Exp 385 JR Academy and onboard outreach activities; E&O workshop recommendations
- B. Workshops, Pre-Drilling Activities and Nominations Subcommittee – proposal reviews; other business
- C. Staffing Subcommittee – review of Exp 386 special call application; wrap-up of Exp 392 staffing review (if needed); other business

VII. *Reports and Full Discussion of Breakout Group Activities*

VIII. *Planning for U.S. Activities Beyond 2024* (Torres)

- A. Potential for a drilling hiatus or period of reduced drilling activity
- B. Encouraging continued use of ocean drilling data
- C. Soliciting community ideas for workshops and syntheses
- D. Partnerships with other science programs

IX. *AGU Activities Report – Town Hall, Booth, Mentoring, and Other Activities* (Brenner)

**Thursday, January 30 (9AM – ?)**

X. *Schlanger Fellowship Recommendations* (Torres)

XI. *Diversity in IODP* (Torres, Cooper, Kurtz)

XII. *USAC Executive Session / Action and Consensus Items*

XIII. *Other Business*

XIV. *Next Meetings*

A. Summer 2020 (AMNH – July 28-30, 2020)

B. Winter 2021 (Location and date TBD)