

**Meeting Report of the
U.S. Advisory Committee for Scientific Ocean Drilling (USAC)**

28-30 January 2020

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Texas A&M University, Galveston, TX**

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Meeting Roster

Committee Members

Marta Torres (Chair)	Oregon State University
Peter Clift*	Louisiana State University
Eric Ferré	University of Louisiana Lafayette
Don Haas	Paleontological Research Institution
Jessica Labonté	Texas A&M University, Galveston
Dave Mallinson	East Carolina University
Kathie Marsaglia	California State University Northridge
Suzanne O'Connell	Wesleyan University
Rebecca Robinson	University of Rhode Island
Will Sager	University of Houston
Mitch Schulte	NASA Headquarters
Geoff Wheat	University of Alaska Fairbanks

Liaisons, Observers & Guests

Jamie Allan	NSF
Carl Brenner	USSSP – LDEO
Brad Clement	JRSO
Sharon Cooper	USSSP – LDEO
Nicole Kurtz	USSSP – LDEO
Clive Neal	JRFB
Angela Slagle	USSSP – LDEO
James Spencer	USSSP – LDEO

Sean Gulick (remote)	SEP
Anthony Koppers (remote)	SOD23

*regrets

Action Items and Consensus Statements: USAC Winter Meeting, 2020, Aggie Special Events Center

Consensus Statement 2001-1: USAC thanks TAMU-Galveston host Jessica Labonté and USSSP's James Spencer for their support of the 2020 Winter USAC meeting.

Consensus Statement 2001-2: USAC supports efforts in developing a collaboration with NASA, in particular with regard to the planned NASA-IODP workshop (Oct. 2020). We thank Mitch Schulte and Clive Neal for their leadership in this effort.

Consensus Statement 2001-3: USAC recommends that USSSP implement a workshop focused on education and outreach that emphasizes increasing interest in ocean drilling science, especially among diverse groups. We support exploring the possibility of hosting the workshop in coordination with the *In Search of Earth's Secrets* exhibit in the fall of 2020.

Consensus Statement 2001-4: USAC continues to support USSSP's efforts to increase diversity through outreach and other activities.

Consensus Statement 2001-5: USAC supports a continued outreach presence on IODP expeditions.

Consensus Statement 2001-6: USAC recognizes the value of the Schlanger Fellowship program as a mechanism for providing a "doctoral capstone" SOD-based research project.

Consensus Statement 2001-7: USAC recognizes that the potential exists for a drilling hiatus post-2023 and seeks to facilitate discussion to foster continued community engagement, research, and outreach activities related to scientific ocean drilling to increase resilience as we prepare for the next phase of scientific ocean drilling.

Action Item 2001-1: USAC recommends USSSP further develop strategies to better integrate the outreach officer into the scientific party to advance scientific objectives. This can be a topic of discussion at the fall E&O workshop.

Action Item 2001-2: USAC recommends that USSSP explore best practices and implementation of collection of other diversity metrics along with standard demographic information currently collected.

Action Item 2001-3: USAC recommends USSSP explore increasing and/or adding their presence at additional national science meetings (e.g. Ocean Sciences, GSA) with a specific focus on mentoring and recruitment from non-traditional IODP institutions.

Action Item 2001-4: USAC recommends that USSSP develop new guidelines for second post-cruise meetings that include a process that allows for sufficient oversight with respect to rationale, location, cost, and inclusion of all potential meeting participants. USSSP should present these ideas at the next IODP Forum meeting for discussion.

Action Item 2001-5: USAC recommends that USSSP explore mechanisms for funding small travel or research awards to undergraduate or Master's level students to broaden participation.