

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

25 – 27 July 2022

**American Museum of Natural History
New York, NY**

Consensus Statements and Action Items

Summer 2022 USAC Meeting

Consensus Statement 2022.07-1: USAC applauds JRSO's continued efforts to implement JR expeditions in the face of pressures from the COVID pandemic, inflation, and ship maintenance issues.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-2: USAC thanks the IMPACT Workshop Steering Committee and SERC for their perseverance and efforts to implement the in-person workshop in June of 2022, and looks forward to the forthcoming report.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-3: USAC acknowledges and thanks the IMPACT Workshop participants for their enthusiasm and level of engagement during the workshop.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-4: USAC thanks USSSP for implementing options to allow respondents to provide their pronouns and to self-designate their gender identity on all USSSP applications and proposal submission forms.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-5: USAC thanks USSSP for tabulating demographic information around race and ethnicity to investigate trends in diversity.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-6: USAC thanks outgoing committee members Mitch Schulte and Geoff Wheat for their service on the committee and to the community.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-7: USAC thanks USSSP and the American Museum of Natural History for organizing an excellent Summer USAC Meeting at AMNH.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-8: USAC applauds the 2021-2022 Schlanger Fellows for their efforts throughout the year and their excellent presentations during the summer meeting.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-9: USAC thanks the Science Mission Requirements Steering Committee for its efforts to engage the community in identifying SMR recommendations for a new, globally-ranging U.S. drilling vessel and compiling feedback for the National Science Foundation.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-10: USAC thanks the U.S. Scientific Ocean Drilling Alliance (US-SODA) for its efforts in rallying the US scientific ocean drilling community's support for future scientific ocean drilling, and offers its assistance to US-SODA in the future.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-11: USAC thanks the Science Framework Communications Working Group for its work. US-SODA will lead this effort moving forward.

Consensus Statement 2022.07-12: USAC congratulates USSSP and the USAC Workshops Subcommittee for their implementation of the Novel Projects initiative and looks forward to the next round of proposals.

Action Item 2022.07-1: USAC appreciates the USAC Science Communications Subcommittee's brainstorming around leveraging opportunities presented by the scheduled JR transit and tie up in 2023 and encourages USSSP and USAC to pursue a feasible selection of the ideas.

Action Item 2022.07-2: USAC encourages the Legacy Data Working Group to collaborate with the JRFB Working Group on Virtual Expeditions in their collective efforts to define the range of activities that use legacy cores and data.

Action Item 2022.07-3: USSSP, in consultation with USAC, should explore updates to the U.S. Application to Sail to make it more accessible (e.g., application examples, links to existing resources that describe shipboard roles; possibly make a video or annotated application).

Action Item 2022.07-4: USAC asks USSSP to explore a landing zone for an IODP community social event and the feasibility of organizing a community boxed lunch forum targeting early career researchers at the 2022 AGU Fall Meeting in Chicago.

Action Item 2022.07-5: USAC asks the Facility Business Plan Working Group to produce a report that identifies potential stakeholders and specific points of contact for new partnerships, as well as outlining specific recommendations for a path forward as specified in the Working Group's Statement of Task (see [USAC January 2021 Final Meeting Report](#)).