

Minutes of 8 July 2008 MOC Meeting

Attendees: Dave Checkley (chaired meeting; Jeff Gee on travel), Tom Althouse, Woody Sutherland, Jim Swift, David Skydel, Gabi Laske, Jerry Smith, Jennifer MacKinnon, Ryan Rykaczewski, Rob Pinkel, Matt Dzieciuch

Meeting called to order at 2:00PM

Agenda

1. Ships Report – Tom Althouse (see e-mailed report dated today)
 - About a week ago, the Navy changed price of fuel from \$3.06 to \$4.06/gallon. Fuel now comprises more than half the operating cost of our vessels.
 - Having a very tough time finding engineers; oil industry is attracting them away.
 - WHOI has been an excellent host to Revelle during maintenance.
 - Revelle has new paint on hull that appears as effective as tributyltin (TBT) in reducing growth but safer and legal (unlike TBT-containing paint).
2. STS Report – Woody Sutherland (see e-mailed report dated today)
 - Changes necessary due to minimal operating funds from NSF, e.g., last-minute requests to ship gear to distant ports.
 - Jim Swift reported on discussions regarding possible move of some part of STS from Isaacs Hall to Nimitz Marine Facility
 - i. no decisions yet made, but discussions between STS and administration occurring
 - ii. no long-term plan by SIO for use of MarFac, but needed
 - iii. space vacated in Isaacs may be used for coastal observation center
 - STS staffing: positions advertised; sufficient staff now present for cruises; morale is strong
3. Other Business
 - UC Ship Funds:
 - i. Bruce Applegate (on the Melville today) is considering requests, with UC Ship Funds Committee now having provided input; results delayed until after fiscal closing (30 Jun 08) to allow available funds to be known.
 - ii. Dave Valentine has agreed to serve on UC Ship Funds committee as UCSB member; Ken MacDonald has retired. Dave's general research interests include the geomicrobiology, geochemistry, and anaerobic microbial ecology of anoxic marine sediments (from his website: <http://www.geol.ucsb.edu/faculty/valentine/index.html>).

Adjourned 2:30PM