

MBCORC Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2002
9:30 a.m.

Attendees: Marcia McNutt, MBARI; Geoff Wheat, NURP; Bill Douros, MBNMS; Mike Shulters, USGS; Greg Cailliet, MLML; Bill Head, CSUMB; Mary Batteen, NPS; Chris Harrold, MBA; Church Grimes, NMFS; Mike Field, USGS; Phil Merilees, NRL; Gary Griggs, IMS; Joe Swaykos, FNMOC; Bruce Gritton, FNMOC; Kirsten Wasson, Elkhorn Slough; Warren Blier, NWS; Roy Mendelson, PFEL; Jim Hall, MPC; Lora Martin, MBEST; Dave Jessup, CDFG.

Approval of Minutes from January 9 minutes: Approved.

Brochure Update

- ◆ All input has been received.
- ◆ Final Mockup on June 28th.
- ◆ Expect printing July 12.
- ◆ If you want to see a final mockup, see Lora Martin.
- ◆ Costs may be on the range of \$200-300 per group. 400 copies, estimated cost would be \$340.

MBCORC site

- ◆ Gotnet.net is a local ISP provider that will host the new mbcorc.org site.

Update on 10-year anniversary of MBNMS

A number of events are being planned. One in particular is the takeoff of the Oceans Fair/Oceans Conference on September 21. If you're interested in a booth, exhibit, sponsor, etc. contact MBNMS. A packet went out to MBCORC members; Liz Love is the point of contact. Please help get the word out.

CCEPI Workshop Phil Merilees reported that it was held Feb. 4-6. Sixty people were in attendance. A hard copy of the report will be made available and possibly available on the MBCORC website in PDF format.

Federal Initiatives There was considerable discussion on how best to coordinate the numerous regional initiatives that involve ocean observing and monitoring in the Monterey region, such as CCEPI (Central Coast Environmental Planning Initiative), ACT (Alliance for Coastal Technologies), SIMoN (Sanctuary Integrated Monitoring Network), MARS (Monterey Advanced Research System), etc. The general agreement is that without some attempt at coordination, these projects could interfere with each other as they compete for funding, as opposed to reinforcing each other. There will be a meeting within the next month of some of the leaders of these initiatives to discuss coordination. Marcia suggested tabling this discussion until we can discuss further whether MBCORC should hire a full-time Coordinator/Director. If there's something that needs to be added to the federal list, please get it to Marcia and/or Lora ASAP.

Update on oil pollution Dave Jessup gave an update on the San Mateo Mystery Spill. ([Appendix A](#))

Fleet Renewal A report has been put together by NSF on the plan for fleet renewal. According to the plan (p. 21), the *Pt. Sur* comes up for retirement in 2011. It was agreed that there is a need to make sure that there is good support for maintaining a UNOLS ship in this area. All MBCORC users should provide input on requirements for the ship.

Greg Cailliet posed six specific questions:

Pg. 15 regional class vessels and pg. 21 timeline are most important pages.

1. What do we need? Is a regional-class vessel still the most appropriate class for this area?
2. Institutions who would like to contribute. Not specifically funding, although it is an aspect.
3. Are you ok with having MLML as the host and the harbor as the location? Along those lines, should we try to renovate CENCAL and utilize MBCORC? CENCAL used to consist of other institutions not part of MBCORC.
4. Does MBCORC feel comfortable taking on that roll? Maybe by the next meeting institutions can contribute what their scientific uses are.
5. How big do you think it should be? 135' x 32' currently. Max would be 165' x 40'.
6. Why do we need a regional vessel here?

Answer to Rich Mueller rmuller@mlml.calstate.edu.

Full-time MBCORC Coordinator

There was some discussion on the needs, duties, and costs for such a position and whether institutions would be willing to contribute to associated costs. Can each institution come up with two objectives that a coordinator could take on that could justify to those institutions Boards the expense for the hire?

Action item: Send to MBCORC your thoughts on what the director would do support your and MBCORC's mission, and how much you would be willing to contribute to make that happen.

Next Meeting

Joe Swaykos will be leaving to be the Chair of the Naval Academy's Oceanography Department. He is being relieved by Captain Christopher Gunderson. In his last action as representative of FNMOC to MBCORC, he volunteered for FNMOC to host the next meeting in the late fall. Andrea will poll the group to see what dates work best.