

Minute from the Underwater (UW) Technical Committee (TC) Meeting
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The UW TC meeting had about 40 people in attendance and lasted 1.5 hours in duration. Several items were discussed during the meeting. A brief synopsis is provided below:

- Three special sessions were discussed and approved for Cancun. One was subsequently deleted during the technical council meeting due to an overlap/conflict with another proposed session.
- Three special sessions were discussed and approved for the Seattle meeting.
- The UWTC overwhelmingly endorsed the idea for a spring 2012 meeting joint with WESPAC/ASC in Hong Kong.
- Nick Chotiros volunteered to be the point of contact for UW in the re-design of the PACS system.
- There was substantial discussion and strong responses to the idea of producing future research directions document. Several members thought this would be overly controlling and adversely impact the creativity of the community. While some members liked the idea, the majority voted against the idea.
- There was further discussion and a vote on the formal statement of scope for the TC. The result was a decision not to accept the existing scope, but to have a sub-committee revise the language for presentation at the Baltimore meeting. The sub-committee members are: Dave Bradley (chair), Mike Buckingham, Kelly Benoit-Bird, Jeff Simmen, Kathleen Wage, Kevin Williams
- There was a recommendation from the scope committee for an initiative to examine the state of funding for basic research in the community, and to engage the relevant government agencies (primarily ONR) in this concern. A request was made for \$2000 funding to support reports, travel, etc in the execution of this initiative. A report will be made at the Baltimore meeting to both the UW TC and the Executive Council.
- Marcia Isakson spoke about initiatives from the Women in Acoustics, including the outreach with the girl scouts in the Baltimore meeting.