

Minute from the Underwater (UW) Technical Committee (TC) Meeting  
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The UW TC meeting had approximately 80 people in attendance and lasted 2.0 hours in duration. Several items were discussed during the meeting. A brief synopsis is provided below:

- George Frisk was recognized for his 2010 Pioneers of Underwater Acoustics Medal.
- Winners of the Baltimore student paper contest were announced and recognized.
- Three special sessions were discussed and approved for the San Diego meeting.
- Six special sessions were discussed and tentatively approved for the Hong Kong meeting, including a memorial session for Barry Uscinski (this was later approved at Technical Council).
- Jim Miller volunteered to conduct the UW student paper contest for Seattle.
- Dave Bradley presented outcomes of the 2010 UW Technical Initiative entitled "Evaluation of current state of support for basic research". Excerpts from letters from RADM Carr (Chief of Naval Research) were read and discussed. No further action on this topic is planned.
- A new International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for Underwater Acoustics was presented and discussed. A short presentation was provided by Susan Blaeser (ASA Standards). The UW TC voted overwhelmingly to move forward with crafting the standard. Tarun Charayadula volunteered to be the UW representative to Standards on this topic.
- Questions regarding the ASA materials were presented and voted:
  - Meeting program – do we need/want a hard copy sent prior to meeting?
    - Majority did not, particularly if this would allow the abstract due date to move later in time. A small minority liked the hard copy.
  - Do we need/want a hard copy call for papers?
    - Majority did not; small minority liked the reminder (and thought email got "lost").
  - JASA publication CD-ROM distribution
    - Majority did not need a CD-ROM (most were unaware this was an option to not receive one). Some wanted a permanent record that they could access if their membership was not active.
- UW Hot Topics for Seattle. Suggestion for topics brought a suggestion for waveguide invariance. The suggestion was made for UW Chair to give the talk. Further input would be solicited by email to TC members.