



## Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

### 2017 Mid-Winter Meeting

0830, Saturday January 14, 2017

Park City, Utah

### MINUTES (Edited and approved 5-22-17)

I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate Vice President Margaux Bacro-Duverger called the meeting to order at 0841 am local time and welcomed the group to Park City. She then turned the meeting over to President Mitch Brindley.

II. **Roll Call** - Secretary Richards called the roll, the 13 members of the board listed below were present and a quorum was established. Numerous other interested parties were also present as various points of the meeting. Their names are listed below the members of the board for the records.

President:	Mitch Brindley
Vice President:	Margaux Bacro-Duverger
Secretary:	Danielle Richards
MAISA Graduate:	Michael Callahan
MAISA Undergraduate:	Austin Powers
MCSA Graduate:	Geoff Pedrick
MCSA Undergraduate:	Jacob Bruce
NEISA Graduate:	Justin Assad
NEISA Undergraduate:	Hannah Lynn
NWICSA Graduate:	Andrew Nelson
PCCSC Undergraduate:	Kylie Sullivan
SAISA Graduate:	Mitchell Hall

Jared Wohlgemuth (ICSA Webmaster), John Vandemoer (Stanford), Dillon Paiva (US Naval Academy), Kyle Assad, (Boston University), Frank Pizzo (Bowdoin), Chris Klevan (US Coast Guard Academy), Maxwell Plarr (Christopher Newport), David Thompson (Dartmouth), Alan Capellin (University of South Florida), Allison Jolly (University of South Florida), Ward Cromwell (Charleston), Adam Werblow (St. Mary's/LaserPerformance), Alex Levin (Middlebury), Walter Florio (Connecticut College), Charles Higgins (Old Dominion), Greg Wilkinson (Boston College), Jaimie Bartlett (Cal Maritime), Tyler Colvin (Old Dominion), Clinton Hayes (Stanford University).

III. **Additions to the Agenda** – There were no additions to the agenda from the floor.

IV. **Review & Approval of the January 9, 2016 and May 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes** – Danielle presented the meeting minutes from the 2016 Semi Annual Meeting and 2016 Annual Meeting. Geoff moved to accept the 2016 Annual minutes as presented. Mitch seconded the motion. The proposal was approved. Geoff moved to accept the 2016 Semi Annual Meeting. Justin asked for clarification on New Business D. It related to the contingency plans for Conference Championships and the affect it would have on no-show penalties. Justin's recollection was that the straw poll directed the President to automatically waive those penalties. Danielle will review the recording during lunch.

V. After reviewing the recording the minutes reflect the discussion and because it's the President's decision to waive those penalties he would take that into consideration. Justin then seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

- VI. **President's Report** – Mitch started by thanking everyone for coming to the meeting and their ongoing commitment to ICSA. He noted that we had a very successful Coaches Conference and thanked John Vandemoer for taking charge. The group was able to enjoy several excellent speakers and he hoped everyone enjoyed their participation.

Sponsorships are still healthy. Everyone has renewed for 2017 and some have committed through 2018.

We sent 3 coaches and 5 athletes to Bermuda to meet with the Oracle team. Unfortunately, it overlapped the hurricane so there were not many opportunities to be outside but it was very worthwhile meeting with the team and seeing how they prepare.

We are strengthening our relationship with the Olympic Development Program and finding more ways to get sailors and coaches involved there.

College Sailing continues to grow, we have made significant strides with our on- the-water and racing components in the past 10 years with Techscore, the changes in the championship formats, new equipment, etc. Now it is time to look inward and assess the structure of our organization.

- VII. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherri was not in attendance. Mitch presented her report to the Board. The approval of the budget was tabled to the end of the meeting in case any changes needed to be made. Mitch moved to accept the report as presented. Geoff seconded the motion. The motion passes.

- VIII. **Secretary's Report** – Danielle noted that all the Commissioners have been sent copies of last year's membership report and the Techscore download so they can complete their membership reports. NWICSA and PCCSC have already submitted theirs. They are due February 15<sup>th</sup>.

IX. **Standing Committee Reports**

- A. **Communications** – Jared Wohlgemuth, our webmaster, was onsite to meet with the group. He has been working with ICSA for about 4 years now and wanted to see how we use the sites and how we can better use them.

NEISA does a Sailor of the Week during the season, announces the names, and directs people to the website to read the releases. They are now trying to stop emailing documents and just posting them to the website and training the membership to look there. Clinton suggested we post content from other sites related to College Sailing on our site instead of linking through to the other sites.

Mitch noted that the sponsors would like more coverage. Jared noted that when all they provide is a logo there is no incentive to click on it or interact with it. We can add banner space and have them provide ads that change periodically. Mitch will reach out to the sponsors to see if any are interested in this.

Justin suggested that we have a more structured PR plan and have regular updates on the site that also go to Sailing World, Scuttlebutt, and other media outlets. Photos and media gain the most attraction but are hard to collect. Mitch asked that we form a committee comprised of undergraduates and graduates and have them do weekly releases on Tuesday or Wednesday that we send to all of the media outlets. Each conference is asked to submit at least 2 names, a graduate, an undergraduate and preferably multiple undergraduates to update and maintain the site and work on press releases. Chris Klevan will chair the committee, and he asked the Commissioners to direct their representatives to get in touch with him.

The conversation then drifted to the membership reports and what actions can be taken when a conference does not meet their obligations. Mike Callahan asked Danielle if we can just use what Techscore generates and she explained that it only tells her the competition, not the membership levels. Greg Wilkinson explained that the By-Laws already have a process for handling this and we need to be more aggressive in enacting that procedure. Mitch noted that this was discussed last May and we will address it later this spring if necessary.

The last topic was the sailor database. Mitch noted that we have lost communication with the host company for our individual and team database server and need to come up with a plan B. Jared asked what

we needed and Danielle provided a brief overview of how we think it works but ultimately, he needs to talk to David and Dayan. Danielle will initiate a conversation between the three and let them run with it.

- B. **All Academic Sailing Team** – Nothing was submitted.
- C. **All American Selection Committee** – Ian was unable to attend so John Vandemoer presented on his behalf. The committee met regularly during last spring but received little to no input from the NWICSA and SEISA. The addition of the additional MAISA and NEISA representatives was very helpful and made breaking down the crews much easier. The expansion to include the Honorable Mention Crews was a positive step. The list was done shortly after nationals but the video was not released for nearly a month and there were still many errors. The committee asks if the Board still feels that the video is useful. Frank asked if we know it is going to be delayed that we are communicative about when it would be released and we need to give a tighter timeline to the producer. Adam suggested that we pick a date, announce it during nationals, market it so everyone knows when it's coming, and treat that as a mid-summer publicity announcement.
- D. **Appeals Committee** – John Vandemoer indicated that no appeals had been filed.

There was a short recess from 1053 to 1108. All members previously accounted for had returned.

E. **Championship Committee**

- 1. **New Championship Rotation Proposal** – Greg presented the proposal that the Committee had worked on during the fall to restructure the nationals hosting distribution. The majority of the teams capable of hosting the nationals are located on the eastern seaboard. ***The proposed rotation is:***

***SAISA – 2017***

***MAISA – 2018***

***NEISA – 2019***

***At Large – 2020 (bids due Spring 2018)***

***SAISA – 2021***

***Etc.***

***Justin seconded the motion.*** There was discussion about what would happen if no one submitted a bid for the At Large year and the committee felt there were enough hosts who could step up on short notice to fill in. Andrew Nelson asked that if the Nationals format changed to something more manageable that we consider going back to the 7-year rotation. Mitch noted that the committee also discussed keeping the event at the same venue for multiple years. The committee didn't feel that was the best option at this time. ***The motion passes.***

***Greg added a second motion that at the time the bid is submitted the host must have a championship worthy fleet in place ready to go. If there are plans for new boats to be purchased that is fine but there must be a fleet on site ready to go. Justin seconded the motion. The motion passes.***

Greg then asked Danielle to review the Championship timeline for everyone. She noted that tentative proposals are due 2.5 years prior to the fall championships and 2 years prior to the spring championships. Greg noted that to get caught up we will need a bid from NEISA at the Annual Meeting for the 2019 Championships and the 2020 Championships bid are due Spring 2018.

- 2. **Championship Bid** – Greg then presented the new Championship Bid form. This form would be required to be filled out by all hosts so the committee and the Board would have all the relevant information that they need (sailing area, rotation plan, practice exclusion zones, boats, social, etc.) **Greg moved to mandate that all future championships starting with the 2017 Spring Nationals submit their bid using this form. Danielle seconded the motion. The motion passes.**
- 3. **Championship Timeline Requirements -**

4. **2017 Spring Championship** – Mitch Hall summarized the PowerPoint COC provided. May 22-June 2. The Annual Meeting will be May 22. Conditions are expected to be a Southerly sea breeze but they have course configurations for all breeze directions. A question was raised as to whether we still need competitors' meetings or evening receptions. The championship committee has directed the College of Charleston and future hosts to spend very little money outside of competition hours and not hold any evening receptions. The teams have spoken with their feet at the recent championships that they do not want to attend. This money should be spent on providing better separation between the teams and parents and this will require spending some money to make sure this works. Adam noted that this needs to be a clear mandate from the Board so when we go back to a yacht club there is no question. ***The Board asked that the Championship Committee come up with language to prohibit the use of ICSA sponsorship or entry revenue to cover functions outside of racing. Mitch moved to not hold any evening functions starting with the 2017 Nationals and to eliminate the printing of the program. Danielle seconded. The motion passes.***
5. **2017-2018 Singlehanded Nationals** –Allison Jolly summarized the USF bid. It is their intention to sail right where the old pier was and put the coaches on powerboats. The sailing area has greatly improved with the removal of the pier but it does eliminate any spectator area. There will be light snacks after sailing but no dinners. Boats and launching will be at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center and sailors will be brought in there for lunch breaks. Todd Fedszyn will be PRO and the Judge list has been finalized.
6. **2017-2018 Match Race Nationals** – There is no current bid for this event. There is interest from Charleston with a date change to overlap ACCs. St. Petersburg may be interested in hosting on the original dates in J70s. There was a question about the sails on the J70, specifically the spinnakers. The boats have asymmetrical spinnakers. Justin voiced a concern over using boats that teams don't have regular access to and most collegiate keelboat fleets are symmetrical rigged boats. Clinton voiced that in outside match races the boats are very different and likely boats that the competitors have never seen before. Geoff voiced concern that they have already selected their qualifier host and they would have selected a different host if they had known the boats would be asymmetrical. Mitch asked Allison to go back to USF and see if they are still interested and if they are to submit a bid. Greg Wilkinson asked Charleston to do the same.
7. **2017-2018 Spring Nationals** – Charles Higgins presented a bid from Old Dominion. The Championship Committee unanimously recommends that the Board accept the bid. The boats are already onsite, one fleet of FJs and one of 420s. Shore side activities will be staged out of the ODU Boathouse. ***Greg moves that the Board accept the bid from ODU pending the confirmation on the second fleet of boats. Danielle seconded the motion. The motion passes.***
8. **2018-2019 Singlehanded Nationals** – Geoff presented a bid to host from Hope College and Grand Valley State University to host out of the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club on Lake Michigan. Racing can be on Lake Michigan or on Macatawa Bay. They are also prepared to host the ISSA Championship the weekend before. ***Greg asked Geoff to fill out the bid form online and moved to accept the bid. Geoff seconded. The motion passes.***
9. **2018-2019 Match Race Nationals** – Danielle summarized their bid, it will be sailed in Governor's Cup 22s which were designed and built for the Governor's Cup Match Race and Youth Match Racing Worlds. Don Becker is leading the officials team and will work with Mitch on inviting umpires. Balboa Yacht Club is hoping to find housing for the visiting teams. ***Greg moved to accept the bid pending the submission of the online form. Danielle seconded. The motion passes.***
10. **2018-2019 Spring Nationals** –Greg noted that this is due to be in NEISA. There is no bid in the works at this time but they hope to have it ready in the spring. Justin added that teams are considering hosting portions of the event so it might be a 2 or 3-host event. Many venues that have boats ready don't have the right fleet of boats.

11. **2019-2020 Singlehanded Nationals** – Danielle noted that they are soliciting bids but UCSB and the Santa Barbara Yacht Club have expressed interest.
12. **2019-2020 Match Race Nationals** – Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club has expressed interest. Greg directed MAISA to have them submit a bid form.

At this time the Board recessed for lunch at 1204 and reconvened with all members previously accounted for in attendance at 1257.

13. **Staymasters** – The Championship Committee was asked to look at the shroud adjustments. The majority opinion was to not allow the use of shroud adjusters. The committee came up with 3 recommendations. The committee asks the Procedural Rules Committee to clarify the rules to only allow the use of shroud adjustment by permission of the ICSA President and to not allow the Sailing Instructions to change this rule. There will be no competitor shroud adjustments at the 2017 Nationals per the request of the host. ***Greg moves that we change the Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules to clarify the rules to only allow the use of shroud adjustment by permission of the ICSA President and to not allow the Sailing Instructions to change this rule. Mitch seconded the motion.*** Adam asks if the committee had a recommendation as to when/how a venue could be granted permission to allow the use of shroud adjusters. Greg responded that the committee has no opinion and feels that the rule just needs to be buttoned up. Mike asked what recourse we have to penalize a host that breaks this rule. Mitch noted that in discussion with Dave Perry there is no recourse unless a competitor protests. ***The motion passes.***

***Greg moves that the nationals should not allow shroud adjustment unless the adjustment is allowed in the class rules. Mike seconded.*** The committee feels that the nationals should be reflective of the current sailing happening in the ICSA and until all hosts are allowed to use shroud adjustment at their discretion the nationals should not be allowed to. ***The motion passes.***

- F. **Afterguard Committee** – There was no report submitted.
- G. **Eligibility Committee** – Charles presented the report on behalf of the committee. They had one case come in about the extension of eligibility due to injury and they have been holding their decision pending the update of the Procedural Rules.

During the Coaches' Conference, there was a discussion about prohibiting a student from sailing for different colleges within the same academic year. There was interest in making that rule stricter and prohibit transfer students from sailing for their new school in the spring season. Tyler noted that the group felt we need a best practices document that limits the communication between coaches from other schools approaching sailors. There also needs to be a punishment system in place to deal with these infractions. Mike added that there should be a uniform rule about allowing high school sailors to practice/sail with teams. Mike asked that the President put together a committee to create a set of recommendations on how to handle recruiting and transfers. Mitch will work with the Conferences to find appropriate individuals.

- H. **Hall of Fame Selection Committee Report** – There was no report submitted. The deadline will be announced via the mailing lists this spring and conferences are encouraged to submit nomination early.
- I. **Interconference Regatta Committee** – Danielle noted that there are no changes to be voted on at this meeting. There were 5 No-Shows from the fall season. Two were waived. She is still waiting for a few more hosts to send her their invite lists. NEISA has submitted clarifications on which events will require wet suits/dry suits.
- J. **Procedural Rules** – Geoff noted that a document with highlighted changes distributed. The changes focus on PRs 12, 14, and 34. These were cleanups from actions approved at previous meetings and to match the new RRS issued by US Sailing. Greg Wilkinson asked for clarification on PR 34. Geoff summarized that the

conflict only exists if the support person's team is in the hearing. Greg asked about the exemption granted to Sugar Bowl and Rose Bowl regarding season limits. He asked that since the Rules were not published prior to the start of the season that the exemption should not apply to the 2016 Sugar Bowl and 2017 Rose Bowl. Mike Callahan asked that we waive the penalty for offending teams. ***Mitch moved to have the Board exempt any penalties that may occurred due to participation in the 2016 Sugar Bowl and 2017 Rose Bowl due to the fact that the exemption for those events from the Season Limit count was not in the current ICSA Procedural Rules. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passes.***

Adam asks if there was any recourse for the ICSA Board to throw out the Rose Bowl for sailing races after the time limit. ***Justin moves that the Board of Directors direct the Chair of the Race Committee for the Rose Bowl to abandon the races sailed after the cut off time limit. Danielle seconded the motion.*** Mike felt that this was setting a bad precedent for the Board to throw out races and events for other regattas. John suggested that we write a rule empowering the ICSA Rep to be able to stop racing. Greg suggested that the event be removed from the Interconference Regatta Schedule for a period of time. ***The motion passes.*** The Board suggests that the President recommend to the host that the Rose Bowl be changed to an Invitational which is listed in the Interconference Schedule but is not an Interconference regatta. This allows the hosts to open the rules in regards the race time limits and hosting restrictions.

***Mitch moves that there be a change to PR 17c to add language that the ICSA Rep is defined as a member of the Race Committee. This would allow that rep to file for redress on behalf of the competitors. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passes.***

***Geoff moved to accept the rules as they are submitted. Mitch seconded the motion.*** Justin asked if this would include the Rose Bowl/Sugar Bowl exemption to the Season Limits and the change just voted on for PR 17c. ***Geoff amended his motion to approve the rules as they are submitted with the addition of the exemption of the Rose Bowl/Sugar Bowl and the change to PR 17c. Mitch seconded. The motion passes.***

#### X. Conference Reports

- A. **MAISA** – Mike Callahan reported that MAISA the numbers have stayed the same. The big change is how they handle selection of regattas, specifically team racing. They have added a team racing league with a buy in and the hosts are required to use those funds to bring in quality officials. They have also changed their qualification process for their conference championships.
- B. **MCSA** –Jacob Bruce reported that they lost a team and gained a team. There are a few teams struggling financially. There are now 7 teams with some form of coaching and more teams participating in interconference regattas and match racing. They are working to strengthen ties with Harken and Melges going forward.
- C. **NEISA** – Hannah Lynn reported that NEISA is working on a developing-team-handbook and symposium for developing teams. It started with a survey to the developing teams indicating what their biggest struggles were, what they had questions about and what they needed help with. They then took these comments into an outline for the handbook and had a committee work on it. It is still a work in progress but will be a great asset. After their Annual Meeting, they held a club team symposium and picked 4 topics to have guest speakers and coaches talk about before breaking the participants into small groups for deeper discussion. Justin added that there are many new fleets coming in, Brown is getting a new boathouse and there are some new coaches.
- D. **NWICSA** – Andrew Nelson reported that while their membership numbers haven't changed the teams are growing and that means more boats on the line. He has spent most of his first year going through and overhauling the rules and by-laws, specifically adding more graduate officers to provide guidance. A few of the local sailing centers have bought new boats and the local foundations have been very supportive of the programs.

- E. **PCCSC** – Kylie Sullivan reported that the conference is excited to bring in 2 new schools this fall. There is a constant struggle to keep the student run club teams engaged. There are many new boats coming in but they are not full fleets, just 2-4 new boats at a time. Funding is an ongoing problem.
- F. **SAISA** – Margaux Bacro-Duverger reported that there were no significant changes to the members. The Hurricane that came through in the fall did damage some teams' facilities and boats however they are all coming back. One of the varsity teams just replaced their dinghy fleet and a few club teams have expanded their fleets. They lost a few women's teams.
- G. **SEISA** – No report.

#### XI. **Old Business**

- A. **LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup** – The Women's Team that had won the inaugural event went back to Italy to defend finishing second. The coverage was great but the format is very laid back. LP has offered the US two spots. There is no funding available. If a team or group of sailors are interested, they should contact Mitch. Greg asked whose responsibility it is to identify and field a team. Mitch explained that it is basically just the President who approves a team. The event is late August/early September. John Vandemoer volunteered to help choose and coordinate the team.
- B. **State of Women's College Sailing** – This was first discussed at the 2016 Winter Meeting and since then we have increased the number of berths at the Nationals and added 2 women's intersectional. Justin noted that the Women's Championships in the Fowle Trophy does not carry the same weight as the Coed event. Adam suggested that the three spring championships should all carry equal weight. While on the topic of the Fowle Trophy Mike asked that we not award points to teams who did not compete in events. Justin asks that the Fowle Trophy standings should be on the website all year long so teams can see where they stand. ***Mitch asks the Championship Committee to review the Fowle Trophy scoring with emphasis on adjusting the weights so all Spring Championships have equal weight.*** Justin asked if there are more teams who are interested in doing women's team racing. NEISA is looking to open up berths at their events to allow more out of conference women's teams can participate.
- C. **Techscore** – Dayan is working on finalizing the sailor database and registration. We have a quote for Match Race scoring. It is a significant rework to add it in and has a price tag of \$8350. Mitch wants to discuss this with our Treasurer prior to approving it. To date since 2011 we have spent \$55,000 on Techscore. **Danielle moved to the direct the budget committee to approve. If Match Racing is important, enough to ICSA to have a Nationals it should be important enough to score. Justin seconded the motion. The motion passes.**

The group recessed for a 15-minute break from 1430 to 1445. All members previously accounted for had returned.

#### XII. **New Business**

- A. **BUSA Tour** – Danielle noted that this summer is a BUSA Tour in England and we need to identify a team leader and team. Considerable discussion ensued over the need to maintain this tradition when the teams visiting the US are disrespecting our venues and events, showing up drunk/hungover and are taking berths away from our teams. We spend a large amount of money on this trip for a small group of students to go on a three-week holiday to England and do some racing. It was suggested that we reach out to the BUSA organizers and develop a code of conduct for participation, require an officially designated chaperone, and revisit the trophy events to see if their format should be updated to reflect current racing styles. Charles Higgins expressed interest in being the team leader and taking charge of the program. He suggested that we reach out to BUSA and try to move the dates closer to the LPCC so we can send one team to both events. Charles will work with BUSA on those dates.
- B. **Match Race Weight Limits** – Geoff presented a proposal on behalf of the MCSA to modify the weight limits for the Match Race Nationals to bring them in line with international standards. Justin seconded the proposal. This recommendation comes from the US Sailing Match Race Committee. Mitch noted that the weights from World Sailing have fluctuated in recent years and we have moved the weights around

independently from World Sailing. Our grading representative, Nicole Breault has indicated that the grading is in jeopardy when we stray from World Sailing. Greg noted that this is one of the first things that the umpires point out to us each year. Greg recommends that we match World Sailing's requirements whenever possible. ***Mitch moved to table the motion. Andrew seconded. The motion to table passes. The motion was tabled pending confirmation from US Sailing on the decision to mandate mixed boats at the USMRC.***

- C. **ICSA PR 13 Change**– Mitch Hall presented this request on behalf of SAISA to require at least a 2 week notice on the requirement of dry suits at events so team have time to find the proper equipment. It was noted that at a normal regatta this is something that would normally be in the NOR but because our PRs and schedule count as NORs/SIs this is something that is often overlooked. Justin explained that this event did not have that requirement listed on the schedule and the host did it at a later time. Discussion ensued over when hosts could make this determination and whose ultimate authority it was to ban a team that did not have dry suits. There was no motion put forward but hosts were asked to clarify as soon as possible what requirements their venue will have.
- D. **Fall Schedule Proposal** – Mike introduced this topic not for approval but to notify the other Conferences of what MAISA and NEISA are doing to shorten the fall season while increasing competition at the fall events. MAISA and NEISA are both in favor of this and will be submitting these changes in May for the 2018 schedule. This is not limiting what other conferences can do on those open weekends.
- E. **Discussion of season limits and changes to weekend limits; creation of ad hoc committee to research practice limits** – ***NEISA proposes that PR 2a to be amended to allow a maximum of 18 competition weekends annual with the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl exempted starting with Fall 2018. Mike seconded.*** Justin explained that NEISA feels that most teams would not be affected by this and in fall of 2018 when the schedule changes and the schedule condenses there will not be many teams if any that fall outside of this limit. Discussion ensued over the merits of a yearlong limit and how this will affect teams. Mitch was concerned that teams might sacrifice women's events to meet this limitation. Geoff asked why we need to make this change if the new schedule will effectively do this for us. ***Mitch called the vote. The motion passes.***
- F. ***NEISA moves the ICSA bring awareness to the historical lack of compliance with ICSA PR A5 by publishing data on the percentage of the actual competition declarations submitted for the 2015 and 2016 Championships. They further move that beginning with the 2017 ICSA Championship the ICSA Executive Committee enforce ICSA PR A5. Mitch seconded the motion.*** Mitch added that most of the teams not in compliance with this rule are NEISA teams. With the growth to 36 teams at coed and women's it has been harder to collect this and club teams struggle to find someone to sign the form. Justin asks that we direct the Executive Committee to help with the enforcement of this rule. Adam asks how we can help enforce this and suggested we provide the Commissioners with a list of teams who are missing the form prior to the start of competition at the Nationals. ***Justin rescinded the motion.***
- G. ***NEISA moves that ICSA clarify the process for investigating violations of the PR Appendix A by stipulating that inquiries can be sent to any member of the Executive Committee, will be handled anonymously and will be investigated by the full Executive Committee. Greg seconded the motion.*** Adam asks if we think that people are just being lazy or if we think people are consciously breaking the rule. Mike added that there should be graded penalties where a first time team infraction is a warning, the second time it would be something greater and move up from there. Mitch recommended that we form a Penalties and Infractions Standing Committee, however this requires a By Law change and developed structure, however many of our committees already don't function well so it is probably best handled by the Executive Committee until the load is too high. **The motion passes.**
- H. **NEISA moves that the ICSA publish an updated Procedural Rules document twice a year on February 1 and August 1. Greg seconded the motion.** NEISA feels that the rule changes approved at the meeting should be published by the Procedural Rules Committee before completion for that Season starts. There is confusion as to what copy on the website is the current set because when you google it old versions come



up. Danielle noted that the current and official copy is the one on the Resources page and when you google the PRs it will pull up draft copies from old meeting documents. Geoff was concerned that February 1 may not be enough time to incorporate changes passed at the Winter Meeting 2 weeks prior. He asked for time to go to the Procedural Rules Committee and review this request to find the best course of action. ***The motion was rescinded pending a report from the Procedural Rules Committee.***

- I. **Direction of ICSA Leadership** – Greg introduced pointed out that we have made a substantial investment in our competition and racing and our member teams have spent over \$23 million dollars in major capital additions to their programs in fleets and facilities, but we have not made an investment in our own administration. This is a near-term to long term project, but we need to restructure how we govern ourselves and suggested the following action items:

- A small committee to research the possibility of restructure the ICSA Board
- To research the possibility of spending our money on administration differently
- To research the possibility of getting the role of the President to a smaller admin role and have term limits
- To research hiring an employee to do the heavy lifting of administering the association and following up on compliance

Because of the equal representation requirements on this Board we spend a lot more time fighting over issues instead of looking for ways to improve the association as a whole.

Mitch suggested that the Executive Committee start identifying individuals to serve on this committee and to consider looking outside of ICSA to fill those spots. Mitch noted that going to an outside consultant will likely cost us \$10-\$15k.

We should start looking at changing our dues to cover these expenses. Our dues are below most other club sport associations. Mitch asked that we table the discussion of dues until Sherri could be present.

- J. **Competitive Imbalance at the Team Race National Championships** – Justin wanted to know how team racing was happening in the rest of the country since it is very strong in NEISA and less so in the rest of the country. They went around the room asking conferences how team racing functions in each area. There was general concern about access to team race regattas, especially in NEISA and MAISA for non NEISA and MAISA teams. Justin then presented a chart showing the participation at the team race nationals over the years by conference and finish position. He asked if our National Championship should be a development tool. ***NEISA moves that we direct the Championship Committee to look at solutions for having the Team Race National Championship be more competitive. Danielle seconded the motion.*** Justin added that this should be a fluid system so as teams are ready to compete at that level there is space made available for them in the qualification process. Charles asked if NEISA felt that their 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams could win the event and Justin felt that they could have an impact. The group expressed concern that NEISA does not give invites out to help teams get to that higher level. Their teams can only play with each other so long. ***The motion passes.***

- K. **Season Limits regarding keelboat sailing** – Mitch noted that when we set up the Season Limits we gave a pass to offshore teams competing in boats over 26'. With the change in boats we need to adjust the size restriction on the exemption. Greg suggested that we ask Coast Guard to apply for regatta exemptions instead of changing the boat size. There was concern about blanket exemptions since many schools don't have separate rosters for their dinghy team and offshore teams. ***Mitch recommended that this topic be tabled until we have further information from Coast Guard and other teams participating in these events.***

- XIII. **Approval of the 2017 Budget** – ***Danielle moved to accept the 2017 Budget with the addition of \$8500 to cover the Match Race Scoring component in Techscore. Mitch seconded the motion. The motion passes.***

- XIV. **Appointment of the nominating committee** – President Brindley appointed the following individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2017:

Vice President Margaux Bacro-Duverger  
Michael Callahan, MAISA  
Justin Assad, NEISA

Andrew Nelson, NWICSA

XV. **Meeting Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1703 local time.