



**Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.
Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, May 22, 2011
Port of Cascade Locks Community Building
Cascade Locks, Oregon
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Vice President Stellmacher called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Sterne called the roll. The fifteen (15) directors listed below were in attendance. There being a three-quarters majority of the Board, a quorum was present.

Mitch Brindley	President
Glen Stellmacher	Vice President (NWICSA Undergrad)
Jay Sterne	Secretary
<i>Not present</i>	Treasurer
Michael Callahan	MAISA Graduate Representative
Skye Kussman	MAISA Undergrad Representative
Dave Elsmo	MCSA Graduate Representative (by proxy)
Geoff Pedrick	MCSA Undergrad Representative
Mike O'Connor	NEISA Graduate Representative
Alexandra Jumper	NEISA Undergrad Representative
Kyle Eaton	NWICSA Graduate Representative
Glenn Stellmacher	NWICSA Undergrad Representative
Danielle Richards	PCCSC Graduate Representative
<i>Not present</i>	PCCSC Undergrad Representative (by proxy)
Jesse Combs	SAISA Graduate Representative
<i>Not present</i>	SAISA Undergrad Representative
Blake Billman	SEISA Graduate Representative
Lee Evans	SEISA Undergrad Representative

The following individuals were also present: Andrew Johnson, John Vandemoer, Adam Werblow, Clinton Hayes, Scott Wilson, George Griswold, Ian Burman, Jeffrey Bresnhan, Zack Leonard

3. Additions to the Agenda

Secretary Sterne requested additions to the agenda.

- a. A1 – New business – Discuss best practices for ICSA Intersectionals

A motion was made by Mr. Sterne, seconded by Mr. Brindley, and carried to add this additional item to the agenda.

4. Reading and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Sterne, seconded by Mr. Brindley, and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting (Winter Meeting, January 12, 2011, see Attachment A) and to accept them as written.

5. **President's Report**

President Brindley welcomed the Board and other representatives from college sailing and thanked them for traveling to Cascade Locks. He began by acknowledging the retirement of Ann Campbell and the transition this spring to a new ICSA Intersectional Coordinator, Danielle Richards, and in MAISA to a new Conference Commissioner, Mike Callahan. He also expressed appreciation for the Kyle Eaton and his team with the Cascade Gorge Racing Authority in preparing for the 2011 Spring ICSA Nationals. He acknowledged the support of ICSA sponsors Sperry, Laser Performance, Quantum, Gill and APS. He noted that the ICSA needs to review the costs for covering the National Championships, including coverage by Sailgroove, pictures, and media releases.

President Brindley attended the US SAILING Annual General Meeting and reported that the organization holds a positive view toward college sailing and the ICSA. He noted that the ICSA has a membership of more than 200 active members and more than 300 events, has a growing economic footprint and is helping to promote diversity within the sport of sailing.

(see Attachment B for the written President's Report.)

A motion was made by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Sterne, and carried to accept the President's Report as presented.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

President Brindley presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Campbell (see Attachment C), and the current financial statements and budget (see Attachment D), and discussed the generally positive financial status of the ICSA.

A motion was made by Mr. Sterne, seconded by Mr. Brindley, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

7. **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Sterne did not present a report.

8. **Standing Committee Reports**

- a. **Procedural Rules Committee:** Kyle Eaton presented a written report on behalf of Chairman MacDonald and discussed the need to spread out the workload and requested that Committee members contribute more assistance throughout the year. (Attachment E).
 - i. Kyle Eaton proposed the following: Change PR 25(b)(1) to: "A sail-off, if conditions permit and after prescribed sailing hours if necessary, of no more than a single race between each of the tied colleges (based on their overall win loss record). Races sailed from an incomplete round robin or series, where the tied teams met, shall be used as sail off races. Sail off win/losses shall not affect a team's overall won/lost record;" The motion was seconded and carried.
 - ii. The need for a national standard/best practices for a minimum wind speeds for intersectional was raised. After a brief discussion on different approaches, Secretary Sterne proposed adopting the standard used by MAISA. And add PR 18(g): Races should not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the wind strength in the starting area, and to the best of its belief on the rest of the course, is in excess of an average of three knots (3.45 mph) for a reasonable period before the start as measured

using instrumentation and while not moving over the bottom or anchored. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

- iii. Kyle Eaton moved to change PR 25 to: "When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under Rule 31, 42 or 44, she is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may promptly acknowledge breaking a rule and take the appropriate penalty. If the protested boat does not take a penalty, the protesting boat may request a decision by conspicuously displaying a raised open hand and hailing the word "Umpire." An umpire shall decide whether any boat has broken a rule, and shall signal the decision in compliance with Rule D2.2(b)."
- iv. President Brindley moved to adopt the proposed time limit of 15-20 per race for match racing events, with the shorter time frame in earlier flights. The motion was seconded and carried.
- v. President Brindley moved to modify PR 18(e) to establish that no intersectional race shall start after 3 PM on Sunday. Adam Werblow moved to modify the proposed change with the following, "Any change to this rule shall be submitted to the Intersectional Coordinator and ICSA President for prior approval."

- b. **Appeals Committee:** Chairman Vandemoer reported no activity.
- c. **Eligibility Committee:** Chairman Griswold presented a written report (see Attachment F). There was significant discussion on the current limitations on the ability of college sailors to appeal eligibility issues based on hardship. If the ICSA desires to create more flexibility, this is an issue that needs a rules change to provide for opportunities for the Eligibility Committee to evaluate such cases. There was no consensus on whether a rules change is warranted at this time, or if so, how to establish new, clear rules that would not cause unintended consequences.
- d. **All American Committee:** Chairman Werblow noted that the Committee was working through the detailed regatta results to select the 2011 All Americans. He discussed the importance of properly filling in RP forms to ensure that accurate information is available through Tech Score.
- e. **All Academic Committee:** No report.
- f. **Intersectional Schedule:** Chairman Richards submitted a report (see Attachment G). She also discussed the use of Google Docs as a means to provide real-time updates for events. Adam Werblow commented that it would be helpful to make this more publicly accessible, while still maintaining ICSA control.

There was a discussion to change the date for the Singlehanded and Match Racing Championships to accommodate the scheduling needs of particular venues. This produced the comment that if a venue cannot host a Championship event on the traditional dates, then back-up bids for hosting may be needed. No decisions were made on this issue.

- g. **Communications and Website:** President Brindley presented a report on the state of the ICSA website and efforts to enhance communications efforts (see Attachment H). He requested volunteers to assist with the use of social media, and Cait Taylor and Blaine Pedlow were volunteered.

- h. **Hall of Fame Committee:** Danielle Richards presented a report on behalf of Chairman Gail Turluck (see Attachment I).
- i. **Afterguard Committee:** Secretary Sterne presented a report on behalf of Chairman Turluck. He noted that an ICSA Afterguard event had been held at Cascade Locks in conjunction with a Northwest regional alumni event prior to the Spring Nationals. This included support from the Northwest Afterguard, and Kyle Eaton commented on the value of regional and Conference alumni events.

On behalf of the Chairman, Secretary Sterne moved to change the name of the “Afterguard Committee” to the “College Sailing Alumni Committee.” The motion carried unanimously.

- j. **National Championship Committee:** Mike Callahan presented a report on behalf of Chairman Wilkinson (see Attachment J). President Brindley thanked Kyle Eaton for facilitating the arrangements to allow the ICSA Women’s Nationals PRO (Stephanie Winchester) to attend the Semis in Long Beach. It was noted that having her at the Semis proved to be a valuable experience to ensure that that Nationals be run in a manner consistent with ICSA best practices.

John Vandemoer raised the need for consideration of new ideas for the ICSA Team Race Championship. This led to an active discussion on the subject, including a motion by SEISA for the Committee to report on alternatives. Mike Callahan noted that any changes should take into account 1) the need to include all Conferences; 2) the fact that there already is a semifinal round built into the event; and 3) if the format is expanded to include more teams, then the new formula for participation must be thought through carefully. A motion was made and approved to direct the Committee to evaluate possible changes to the Team Race National Championship while maintaining the event’s national character, including format, size and qualifying procedures.

- i. *2011 Match Race Nationals*

The PCCSC delegation relayed a request from the SFYC for flexibility in setting courses for the Match Race Championship, to allow for use of port or starboard mark roundings, which was approved.

- ii. *2011 Singlehanded Nationals*

The MCSA delegations noted they were still in the process of identifying a PRO for the event. Discussion ensued on the need for training of the PRO prior to the event, and President Brindley requested more details on the organization for the event.

- iii. *2012 Spring Nationals*

Blake Billman presented a proposal on preparations underway for the University of Texas to host the event at Lake Travis in Austin, Texas. He referenced recent drought conditions that had led to lower water levels in the lake, but assured the Committee that the venue will be able to host the event.

- iv. *2011 Semis*

Jesse Coombs presented a report on behalf of SAISA (see Attachment K). There was discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the Miami venues, with a strong preference stated for keeping the venue as close to the Volvo village to enhance exposure for the ICSA.

v. *2012 Singlehanded Nationals*

Danielle Richards presented a proposal on behalf of the PCCSC to host the event in Long Beach. Mike Segerblom is working on reconciling potential date conflicts with local high school events, with the potential for a request for a date change for the ICSA Singlehandeds.

vi. *2012 Match Race Championship*

Dave Elsmo presented a proposal on behalf of the MCSA to host the event in Chicago. The intent is to utilize the resources of the Chicago Match Racing Center. He also raised the possibility of a date change for the event due to local organization conflicts.

vii. *2013 Semis*

On behalf of MAISA, Mike Callahan presented two proposals for the hosting of the Semis in 2013: a St. Mary's College/Naval Academy and Hampton University/Old Dominion University. After a brief discussion followed by a vote, the Hampton/ODU proposal was accepted.

viii. *2013 Spring Nationals*

On behalf of SAISA, Jesse Coombs presented a proposal for hosting the 2013 Spring Nationals (see Attachment L). After discussion on the dates and potential wind conditions, the proposal option #2 was adopted with the ICSA recommendation that the event to be hosted at Passe a Grille from May 21-30.

9. District Reports

- a. Danielle Richardson presented a report on behalf of the PCCSC.
- b. Kyle Eaton presented a report on behalf of the NWICSA.
- c. Lee Evans presented a report on behalf of the SEISA.
- d. Dave Elsmo presented a report on behalf of the MCSA.
- e. Mike O'Connor presented a report on behalf of the NEISA.
- f. Mike Callahan presented a report on behalf of the MAISA (see Attachment L).
- g. Jesse Coombs presented a report on behalf of the SAISA (see Attachment M).

10. Old Business

- a. Techscore

President Brindley reported that a new version of Techscore was being tested and should be available soon.

- b. ISAF Eligibility/ICSA Procedural Rules

President Brindley reported that there is potential for the ISAF to reconsider and change its eligibility rules. He moved to extend the current ICSA waiver to June 30, 2012. The motion carried.

11. New Business

a. Kiteboarding

Blake Billman discussed kiteboarding as an emerging part of sailing and suggested that the ICSA begin to consider how to include it at the collegiate level. President Brindley requested that Jesse Combs initiate contacts with the kiteboarding community and report back to the ICSA.

b. SAISA Windsurfing Promotional Event

USF will host the ICSA Windsurfing Invitational in supplied Kona boards on Nov 5-6.

c. ICSA Best Practices

There was a general discussion on the need to promote uniform regatta management procedures. President Brindley established a working group to assess and recommend ICSA best practices for the regatta management. The ICSA Best Practices Working Group shall include:

Greg Wilkinson
Ken Legler
Blaine Pedlow
Jesse Combs
Geoff Pedrick
Blake Billman
Kyle Eaton
Mike O'Connor
John Vandemoer
Cappy Capper

d. Election of ICSA Officers and Executive Committee

The slate of Mitch Brindley (President), Sherri Campbell (Treasurer) and Jay Sterne (Secretary), John Vandemoer, Mike O'Connor and Blake Billman was advanced and adopted.

12. Adjournment

The ICSA Annual General Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.