



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

2015 Annual Meeting

1000 Sunday May 24, 2015

New York Yacht Club Harbor Court, Newport, Rhode Island

### MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate President Jacob Bradt called the meeting to order at 10:29 am local time and welcomes the group to Newport. He thanked the New York Yacht Club for hosting. Jacob then turned the meeting over to President Mitch Brindley who also thanked the New York Yacht Club and especially John Mollicone for their hard work in organizing the 2015 Nationals. He then introduced Demolar Du and Michele Zhang from the Shang Hai Far East Boats who are in Newport to observe the Nationals and meet with ICSCA. They are hoping to start a collegiate sailing program in China. Demolar Du made a few comments and thanked the group for allowing them to sit in and observe the Board meeting.
- II. **Roll Call** - Secretary Richards called the roll, the 14 members of the board listed below were present and a quorum was established. Numerous other interested parties were also present at various points of the meeting. Their names are listed below the members of the board for the records.
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| President:            | Mitch Brindley     |
| Vice President:       | Jacob Bradt        |
| Secretary:            | Danielle Richards  |
| MAISA Graduate:       | Michael Callahan   |
| MAISA Undergraduate:  | Samuel Patterson   |
| MCSA Graduate:        | Geoff Pedrick      |
| NEISA Graduate:       | Justin Assad       |
| NWICSA Graduate:      | Kyle Eaton         |
| NWICSA Undergraduate: | Jasmine Gerraty    |
| PCCSC Undergraduate:  | Ginger Luckey      |
| SAISA Graduate:       | Mitchell Hall      |
| SAISA Undergraduate:  | Angela Skane       |
| SEISA Graduate:       | Kyle Eaton (Proxy) |
| SEISA Undergraduate:  | Ryan Murphy        |
- Zack Leonard (Yale), Frank Pizzo (Bowdoin), Brian Swingly (Coast Guard), Allison Jolly (Univ. of South Florida), John Vandemoer (Stanford), Adam Werblow (St. Mary's), John Mollicone (Brown), Brian Clancy (Cornell University), Nicole Coleman (MCSA), Demolar Du (Far East Boats), Michele Zhang (Far East Boats), Bo Williams (LaserPerformance), and Brad Schaupteter (UC Santa Barbara).
- III. **Additions to the Agenda** - Secretary Richards called for additions to the agenda from the floor. There were no additions submitted from the floor.
- IV. **Review & Approval of the January 10, 2015 ICSCA Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes** – *Michael Callahan moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.* Mitch Brindley noted that the minutes were posted on the website and available for review. *Mitch then moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and approved.*

- V. **President's Report** – Mitch Brindley thanked all of the volunteers that make College Sailing work year round, especially everyone involved with the committees who did a large amount of this spring.

He noted that all of our sponsorships are healthy. Sperry renewed for 2 years and due to their internal rebranding they have ordered new sails which will be used this week. LaserPerformance has stepped in to fill the Team Race Nationals title sponsorship. Beneteau is excited about their title sponsorship of Techscore's public page. Beneteau has indicated that they would like to host a reception in the fall in Annapolis, likely during the Trux. North is another new sponsor this year. They will be hosting a dinner at the Newport Shipyard and tour of Comanche. Oracle is coming in with a partnership with Oracle Team USA, North Sails and College Sailing to develop an internship for our sailors.

- VI. **Secretary's Report** – Danielle Richards noted that the monthly Board calls have been very helpful in distributing information and keeping everyone informed. At this time SEISA, NWICSA and NEISA are still missing some key committee representatives and she asked that the Conference leaders identify individuals to fill those spots and as soon as possible.

Danielle had spent 2 days the week before at the Mystic Seaport in CT going through the archives and meeting with the curator to develop a plan to catalog the new information and digitize the entire archive. Mystic was very excited about the project but indicated that they needed to address it after the summer season. Danielle will work with Mystic and ICSA to outline a plan and identify donors to assist with the funding. The current plan is to have ICSA fund an intern program, which Mystic will oversee, to work on our collection. ISSA is also interested and will do the same. **Danielle asked the board to allocate \$2500 in the 2016 budget to start the project while we identify donors to help complete. Mitch seconded the motion. Motion was approved as presented.**

At this time Mitch took a moment to remind the group of our purpose as outlined in the By-Laws. He read the purpose out loud for the group to help keep everyone on task with what we are instructed to do.

VII. **Standing Committee Reports**

- A. **Hall of Fame Selection Committee Report** – Gail Turluck submitted a written report which was previously distributed to the Board. Mitch announced the 2015 Hall of Fame inductees and provide a brief summary of their nomination. The individuals will be recognized at a suitable time during the nationals or over the summer.
- B. **All Academic Sailing Team** – No report was submitted. Danielle reminded the group that the deadline for submissions is May 29. Anyone who meets the minimum criteria should be nominated. Concern was brought up about the timing of the nominations. Many in the room felt that in the future the deadline should be after the nationals. Danielle asked if we should provide certificates to the sailors and the schools or just the sailors. The Board felt that the certificates should only be provided to the sailors and if schools would like a copy they can buy one. Michael Callahan asked about big boat teams, there are only 6 ICSA big boat events and the teams would like to count non ICSA events where they sail as a team. The board agreed that was fine as long as they competed as their school team.
- C. **All American Selection Committee** – Adam Werblow indicated that the committee had been very busy since the Semi-Annual Meeting with regular conference calls. There have been some new members on the committee and following the direction of the Board at the Semi-Annual meeting that have had a larger committee with 2 members from both NEISA and MAISA. Adam also announced that this would be his last year as chair of the committee.

Adam then pointed out that the crew criteria has various stipulations for team leadership, sportsmanship, participation and results. The skipper criteria does not include any of this, it looks purely at results. A question has come up about individuals who are no longer part of a team (sailed and left school, sailed and been removed from a team for discipline, etc). Mitch pointed out that the By-Laws stressed the values of sportsmanship and felt that our awards should acknowledge sailors who were active members of our community, current members of a team roster, and good examples of sportsmanship. Brian Swingly suggested that, at a date determined by the ICSA Board, the teams should be required to submit an official roster to ICSA. After considerable discussion the All American Committee was sent out to digest the discussion and draft wording for approval.

Brian Swingly asked if the Board wanted to reconsider their position on the All American banquets. Discussion ensued over the burden this event put on hosts and adding an additional 500-700 person banquet was too much for many hosts. It was also pointed out that in 4-5 years' time all of the sailors who had ever been at a nationals with a banquet will have completely flushed through the rosters and the sailors will no longer know any better. The Board reaffirmed their decision to not host a banquet and continue on with the All-American Awards show.

Justin Assad asked about creating an award for Women's Sportsman of the Year Award. Mitch pointed out that there had been female Sportsman of the Year Award winners in the past though recently there had been very few nominations. After discussion it was decided to not move forward with the idea, however the All American Committee would try to do a better job of collecting sportsmanship nominations, particularly at women's events. The topic has been tabled to a future meeting.

D. **Appeals Committee** – John Vandemoer indicated that no appeals had been filed.

E. **Championship Committee**

1. **2015-2016 Singlehanded Nationals @ ODU** – Mitch indicated that there was no change from the previous proposal.
2. **2015-2016 Match Race Nationals @ COC** – Mitch Hall indicated that there was no change from the previous proposal. They are identifying the umpire team at this time.
3. **2016 Spring Nationals @ SDYC** – Danielle provided an update but indicated the report was on the website. The plan is to sail in North San Diego Bay off of the Cruise Ship Terminal piers. Boats will be West Coast (CFJ Class Rules) CFJ's. Evening functions will be at the San Diego Yacht Club and the San Diego Hall of Champions. A historical weather summary is included in the report on the website. Bill Campbell is in charge of officials and is working on that team for approval by Mitch. The Afterguard Championship will be scheduled for the Saturday after the Nationals.
4. **2016-2017 Match Race Nationals @ SDYC** – North San Diego Bay race course, racing in J22's. Coaches will be on the water in the club's RC trawler with a dock behind, spectators will be on the pier. The club will start identifying the officials this summer.
5. **2016-2017 Singlehanded Nationals @ SEISA** – SEISA has not decided on a venue but they are looking at Texas Corinthian YC or Corpus Christie YC. The Board expressed a desire for SEISA to pursue the Sea Scout Base/TCYC option.

6. **2017 Spring Nationals @ CYC** – Geoff Pedrick stated that MCSA has been in talks with Chicago Yacht Club to host using the Chicago Match Race Venue and tow it out to the course or shuttle sailors. Being in the middle of the country breeze can be all over the place. Boats will be Northwestern and CYC 420's. Geoff indicated that CYC is able to host it earlier to finish before June 1.
  7. **2017-2018 Match Race Nationals @ Salve Regina/Sail Newport** –John Ingalls indicated that nothing had changed from their last proposal and more information would be available closer to the event.
- F. **Eligibility Committee** – Mitch summarized the report of the eligibility committee, which had previously been discussed on the last conference call. When the procedural rules are updated this summer some corrections will need to be made to the eligibility case book to correct some rule references as numbers have changed over the year. Justin asked a question about any policies in place for transgendered students. Mitch responded that there is no written policy but the NCAA has addressed it and we would likely follow their precedence.
- G. **Procedural Rules** – Kyle reported that the committee did not have any new business since the Semi Annual Meeting. He acknowledged that Mitch has asked the committee to review the meeting minutes and to update the rules before the start of the fall season. Geoff Pedrick asked about RP information and the penalties associated. Mitch explained that there needs to be a standardization in the awarding of the penalties related to RP information and has suggested that TechScore does this automatically at a specific time. Some of the coaches expressed concern about the penalties and when they are applied for what they considered a trivial rule. After considerable discussion **Michael Callahan proposed that when the database is incorporated into TechScore all sailors should be given the permission to update RP forms for their teams at the regattas. Regattas shall be automatically finalized 24 hours after the conclusion of the regatta and any teams with missing RP information shall be automatically penalized and notified of such penalties. As a courtesy hosts should email attending teams Saturday night to remind them to complete RP information. Danielle seconded the motion. The motion passes.**

At 12:20 the Board adjourned for lunch. The meeting was reconvened 13:34 at with all directors previously accounted for present.

#### VIII. **Conference Reports**

- A. **MAISA** – Michael reported that MAISA has received a membership application for their 55<sup>th</sup> member school. They have a committee that put together a set of guidelines for sailing in inclement weather. They are looking for ways to get umpires to events. Several schools are receiving new fleets this year.
- B. **MCSA** – Geoff reported that they have received interest from several new teams and they are working to get them on the water on a more consistent basis. They had a large problem this year with teams dropping regattas, the students were not keeping track of what they had signed up for until very late. Michigan is building an endowment and just received a new fleet. They tested out the PCCSC format of combining their coed and team race conference championship. It received mixed reviews but they will try it again. They are working with the MISSA high school group to develop a list of judges and umpires to help staff events for both groups.
- C. **NEISA** – Justin reported that NEISA has had some exciting growth with several new teams receiving or joining the conference. Tufts has a new boathouse, Roger Williams, Brown and Bowdoin are

building new boathouses and many schools have or will have new fleets for the fall. Northeastern has a fulltime head coach and Johnson & Wales is going to varsity in the fall. Mrs. Hurst is moving one weekend to the old Stu Nelson weekend and in 2015 Harvard will be hosting Mrs. Hurst this fall due to school scheduling issues with a holiday. It will be a 3 division regatta this year. Friis is moving to Coast Guard and in 2016 Wick will be at a location TBD.

- D. **NWICSA** –Jasmine indicated that many of the schools took a big hit with the loss of last year’s graduating class but they are working to build them back up. They are engaging local yacht clubs to help support the teams and regatta. The interconference events are seeing increased participation from out of conference teams. One of the big projects the conference is working on is building an alumni database to help the smaller schools with fundraising.
- E. **PCCSC** – Ginger reported that UCSB is nearly done with fundraising for a new fleet of boats. Women’s teams are increasing as is overall conference participation. The conference allows a 2<sup>nd</sup> women’s team at all events which helps to encourage women’s teams since they can travel with the coed team. Danielle added that the conference also combined the Singlehanded Championship weekend with the Women’s PCC’s so the girls sail radials on Friday, then doublehanded on Saturday/Sunday while the guys race lasers. It encourages more teams to show up because they can combine a car full of sailors and save costs.
- F. **SAISA** – Mitch H. reported that Eckerd added another fleet and is building a new facility. Jacksonville added another fleet and is building a new sailing center. USF is looking for a new head coach. Two new schools were added but the conference is still struggling to add more women’s and team racing teams.
- G. **SEISA**– Ryan indicated that SEISA is having stable growth, a few teams come and go each go. Tulane is building a new facility at Southern YC. The district is hosting more events at the new Sea Scout facility on Galveston bay and are excited to have some non SEISA teams come sail with them.

IX. **Standing Committee Reports (Continued)**

- A. **Communications and Website** – Danielle introduced the new collegesailing.org site to the board. She went through the new site page by page and highlighted the various features. It is connected to the MAISA, NEISA, PCCSC and NWICSA sites so news items and schedules can be shared among the sites. Members of the communications committee will have access to update the site. This summer we will be moving the individual and team databases to techscore for easier communication between the two programs. The mailing lists will also be moving off the amazon server to something that doesn’t throttle the list delivery.

X. **Old Business**

- A. **Disposal of Team Race Nationals Mains** – Mitch informed the group that the sails have been rebranded for the 2015 event. They will be redesigned for next year’s event and will likely include new jibs. We are still on hold as to the disposal plans. We now have 54 mains and 18 jibs, soon to be 54 mains and 36 jibs. This is becoming a big logistical problem as far as storage and shipping. Adam explained the size so the group could understand the storage needs. He said that a standard big boat program box trailer could hold them. John Vandemoer suggested we contact PODS about a sponsorship in return for access to our sailors. Kyle suggested ICSA purchase a trailer and kit it out with spare parts and everything the regatta needs and then use a company like “uShip” to get it across country. The benefits of a trailer include the ability to move it during the event easily and keep it set up with other needs, the downside was the storage in the off time.

- B. **Development of an Ad Hoc Long Range Planning Committee** – Mitch refreshed the group on the discussion that the board has had via conference call for the past 5 months. ICSA previously has a LRP Committee but they were not very active and nothing has been done in recent years. Adam indicated that an outside group might be best but we need people familiar with ICSA. He suggested that we reach out to alumni and supporters to help. Mitch explained how the Executive Committee works primarily in the present dealing with day to day minutia. Adam suggested putting a small group together to start the process and make sure one member is completely outside of the organization but familiar with college and/or Olympic sports. Some names suggested were Brian Doyle, Alice Manard Leonard, a current Board member to act as a liaison and someone who was involved in a club/student run team. Mitch will continue to work on appointing a group.
- C. **Report from Ad Hoc Techscore Committee** – The current project with techscore is the development of sailor profiles that would incorporate a sailor's complete record with some accolades (All American, Sportsman of the Year, All Conference, etc.). The committee needs guidance on what information the board would like to have displayed. There was discussion with a variety of ideas thrown around before a consensus was developed to have the following: Sailor Full Name, Graduation Year, School, Conference, and Hometown, a section for predefined accolades (list to be defined later), upcoming events, current season, and then prior seasons. In each season it should list the event details (name, host, and date), event type (fleet, coed, match, and singlehanded), position (skipper, crew or reserve), division, finish position, and races sailed. Danielle will take this information back to Dayan. Brian Clancy asked if we can restrict the upcoming regatta list to the next weekend only and not have it show up until Tuesday.
- D. **Report from Ad Hoc Season Limit Committee** – Frank Pizzo provided the report from the committee. He started by explaining how the committee was composed and what they were tasked with. He then summarized the report provided by the committee to the board. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of the proposal. Mitch pointed out that ICSA cannot allow another organization to host our championship so the proposal to move singlehanded nationals to the laser midwinters cannot be approved. Michael Callahan then systematically broke apart the proposal highlighting all of the cons. More discussion ensued over the history of how we went from the old 9 day event to the current 11 day format and why we moved from a separate weekend for semifinals to adding it in to the national's week. There were strong opinions but no real consensus was developed. It was finally pointed out that what we have right now might be the best format given the goals of the championships.

Adam Werblow suggested that the board consider shortening to 20 weekends of competition. Discussion then shifted in that direction and the majority of the individuals thought it was a positive shift and felt that the schedule might naturally shorten to accommodate that change. **Michael motioned that starting fall 2016 ICSA limit a team's competition to 20 weekends. Justin Assad seconded. There was 1 opposition vote, the motion passes.** Zack Leonard asked that the competition committee also look at limiting practice and competition days.

- E. **Report from Ad Hoc Standing Committee Review Committee** – Michael presented the by-law change previously distributed by the committee. There was no discussion. **Michael then motioned to approve the by-law change as presented.**

**Section 2: Standing Committees**

***The Standing Committees of the Association shall include the following:***

***All-America Sailing Team Selection; All-Academic Sailing Team Selection, Hall of Fame Selection; Rules; Eligibility; Interconference Regatta Schedule; and National Championships/Competition,.***

*The following committee shall each include up to two representatives from each Regular Member Conference appointed by that Conference for a term of one year. No representative may serve more than 5 consecutive years. The ICSA President may grant one year exemptions, annually, to allow a representative to continue to serve past the 5 year limit in the event a Conference does not have anyone else willing/able to serve.*

*All-America Sailing Team Selection, National Championships/Competition.*

*The following committee shall each include one representative from each Regular Member Conference appointed by that Conference for a term of one year.*

*All-Academic Sailing Team Selection, Hall of Fame Selection; Rules; Eligibility; and Interconference Regatta Schedule.*

Mitch seconded the motion, the motion passes.

- F. **BUSA Tour Update** – Danielle has been in contact with the BUSA team captain and the US hosts. We currently have the Harry Anderson, Nevins and SMC Coed identified and interconference regatta hosts and Coast Guard, Navy, SMC and KP as challenge trophy hosts. Mitch added that we are still looking for a US Team coordinator. Justin asked for clarification on where the berths come from. Danielle explained that the berths come from the host conference if there are no invites. In return the first available opening will be given to the host conference.
- G. **Proposal to charge out of conference teams at NEISA Team Races an additional \$100 entry fee to fund umpires (we are already levying a \$100 fee on all NEISA teams entered in our 4 interconference/championship team races).** – Justin Assad withdrew the proposal while they work out details. John Vandemoer asked that if the teams are being billed for this there needs to be a minimum criteria for the billing to occur.
- H. **Discussion on Nationals berth allotment process** – Justin Assad withdrew the topic.
- I. **LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup** – Zack indicated that he did not know much about the event other than the fact that he was hosting it. Mitch indicated that ICSA needs to select a team, and we should be prepared to send more than 1 team. The group indicated that their first choice was a national all-star team and a second team that represented sailors that do not normally have the opportunity to participate in these events. They are waiting for more information from LP. Mitch tasked the

#### XI. **New Business**

- A. **Awarding of prize money at regattas** – Danielle asked what our stance on the awarding of prize money at interconference was. The Harbor Cup keelboat regatta in Los Angeles has awarded prize money for the past 2+ years to the winning team. The board was not comfortable with the idea of prize money to teams at ICSA regattas. Mitch pointed out that it is allowed by NCAA as long as it is less than expenses incurred by the team to participate. Danielle will reach out to the host organizations and discourage them from awarding it and if they insist direct it to the correct group at the school.
- B. **All American Committee Criteria Change** – Adam presented the working that the subcommittee drafted to address a student that may not be in good standing on their team and should not be considered for an ICSA Award. The criteria is changed to:
  - In determining the quantity and quality of a record, the committee has particular regard for the following factors:*
    - *How the record compares to those of fellow competitors*

- *The quality of competition in which the record was achieved*
- *Results achieved competing with different skippers and crews*
- *Whether the record spans the fall and/or spring seasons*
- *How the record compares to those of All Americans selected in previous years*

***The committee may also consider the candidate's ICSA eligibility and standing on his or her individual team.***

*The committee does not consider the following factors:*

- *Candidates' records in previous years*
- *Candidates' records in non-college events*
- *The diversity of teams and districts represented*

Mitch moved that the above proposed wording shall go into effect immediately. Danielle seconded. The motion carries.

XII. **Report of the nominating committee** – Geoff presented the report of the nominating committee. Their recommendation is for the following slate

- President – Mitch Brindley
- Secretary – Danielle Richard
- Treasurer – Sherri Campbell
- Member at Large – Greg Wilkinson
- Member at Large – Greg Fisher
- Member at Large – Ian Burman

Ballots were distributed for a vote by secret ballot. After the results of the ballot were tallied the proposed slate was unanimously approved.

XIII. **Meeting Adjournment** – Mitch made some closing remarks about the tasks that still lay before the board and he hoped that they could continue the monthly conference calls. He was pleased with all of the discussion of the development of women's sailing and team racing and tasked the Executive Committee to continue that progress. Jake Bradt adjourned the meeting at 15:33 local time. The Semi Annual meeting will be the second Saturday in January in Utah.