



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

### 2016 Annual Meeting

1000 Monday May 23, 2016

San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego, CA

## MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate Vice President William Pollard called the meeting to order at 1004 am local time and welcomes the group to San Diego. He 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:	William Pollard
Secretary:	Danielle Richards
Treasurer:	Sherri Campbell
MAISA Graduate:	Michael Callahan
MCSA Graduate:	Geoff Pedrick
MCSA Undergraduate:	Jacob Bruce
NEISA Graduate:	Justin Assad
NEISA Undergraduate:	Charlie Welsh
NWICSA Graduate:	Andrew Nelson
SAISA Graduate:	Mitchell Hall
SAISA Undergraduate:	Beka Schiff
SEISA Undergraduate:	Walter Popick

Greg Fisher (Charleston), Kylie Sullivan (UC Los Angeles), Julia Wiesner (Jacksonville), Maxwell Plarr (Christopher Newport), Stan Schreyer (Boston University), Bill Healy (Yale), John Pearce (George Washington), Brian Swingly (Coast Guard), John Vandemoer (Stanford), Skip Whyte (Rhode Island), Ian Burman (Navy), Frank Pizzo (Bowdoin), Chris Klevan (Coast Guard), John Mollicone (Brown), Allison Jolly (University of South Florida).
- III. **Review & Approval of the January 9, 2016 ICSA Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes** – Danielle apologized but due to the increased activity involved with the planning and running of the nationals the Minutes from January were not available for approval.
- IV. **President's Report** – Mitch started by thanking everyone for coming to the meeting and their ongoing commitment to ICSA. He thanked Danielle for the work that she put into the upcoming Nationals. College Sailing is very healthy but a large and varied organization so we need to continually work together to make refinements and grow College Sailing. He thanked Andrew Nelson for stepping up to lead the Northwest and acknowledges Kyle's long commitment to ICSA. Our sponsorships are still strong, Gill will be onsite this week with the Coed Nationals, Sperry's agreement is up for renewal but the recent purchase of sails is a strong indicator that they will continue. LaserPerformance has just renewed with a larger cash sponsorship, continued and expanded media support of the Spring Championships and providing 36 lasers

for the singlehanded championships. The contract also allows for non LP boats to be used in the championship, however ICSA would not receive the cash sponsorship or media coverage so the host would need to make up for that, an approximately \$30,000 expense. We are working with US Sailing on the 2 development clinics they are running at Oakcliff in June. Coaches are welcome to go, there is no fee to go as a coach except your own travel expenses. US Sailing is also making progress on the level 4/5 coaches program and they anticipate having the first session in December.

Dave Perry has made a request that if someone were to attend a clinic but within our accountable weeks that we exempt a US Sailing Match Race Clinic from the countable weeks. Mitch moved to accept his request. Blake Billman seconded the proposal. Geoff Pedrick asked why we would exempt these and not other clinics or events. Justin pointed out this is a great example of a bigger problem we have in ICSA where we write rules and then add exemptions to get around them. Mike explained that when the rule was written, to allow exemptions, they did not know how ICSA would evolve and they wanted to allow the ICSA President and Board the ability to test out changes without having to rewrite the rule. Adam suggested it be a one year exemption and we tell US Sailing that in the future they will be counted and need to be scheduled during the season. The motion passes.

- V. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherri indicated that all is well and she had nothing to report. She did ask the Conference Commissioners to work with their qualified teams on paying their championship entry fees right away after they qualify. She and Danielle have spent a lot of time this past year chasing schools to pay and there were at least 2 schools who have yet to pay for this week's events. Brian Swingly asked if it wouldn't make more sense for the conferences to pay the fees and bill the teams. Sherri noted that it might be hard for some conferences who don't have a large reserve as it could be a large sum of money between the three events in the spring and multiple teams attending each. She was not opposed to it but needed to hear from the conferences if they could make those payments. Justin noted that if we talk to the teams we might be able to help them better use their post season funds while helping ICSA get paid in a timely manner.
- VI. **Secretary's Report** – Danielle noted that collecting membership reports this spring was exceptionally hard. She is open to recommendations to streamline the process but the delays hold up the distribution of berth allocations. Conferences are also not submitting complete membership reports, many are missing some of or all of the regatta categories requiring Danielle to go through and fill in the blanks. She is also missing most committee reps. The sheet is available online and its obvious what spots are missing but the conferences are not reporting that data.
- VII. **Standing Committee Reports**
- A. **Afterguard Committee** – Danielle noted that the Afterguard event may have lost its purpose at the national level. The current nationals schedule makes in unappealing for people to come early or stick around for the event. It was started in a time when most teams did not have their own events and there was a lay day in the national's schedule. It was suggested to move it away from the nationals and put the responsibility for organizing and running it on the Afterguard Committee. Adam suggested that making it a once every 5 years' event so people really rallied for it would help. Mitch will relay this discussion to the committee.
- B. **All Academic Sailing Team** – Nothing was submitted, Mitch noted that the applications are due May 27<sup>th</sup>. Ian asked if we can simplify that application and it was pointed out that it was simplified from last year already.
- C. **All American Selection Committee** – Ian reported that the committee has already been meeting for a few weeks to narrow down the list. One discussion that the committee was having that they

wanted Board input on was the possibility of announcing the College Sailor of the Year Semifinalists during the school year. The pros they identified were added publicity, honoring the kids during the school year, and bringing more recognition to the semifinalists. The cons are that they list could be very long, sailors could be on the list and not make All American, or there might be someone not even on the radar who has an exceptional national result and should make it. Ian explained that the reason for the discussion is that all of our awards essentially happen in the summer and receive little recognition at the school level. John Mollicone suggested that if we think we need more awards we should look as a Crew of the Year award to cover the gap we already have. There being no consensus the Committee decided to not make a proposal.

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

E. **Championship Committee**

1. **2018 Spring Championship** – NWICSA has indicated that they will be unable to host in 2018. The Conference is not in a position to be able to provide 36 equal boats for the event. The Championship Committee solicited bids and has received one from the College of Charleston that they would like to present to the Board for approval. Greg Fisher summarized their bid, Charleston is a known host, with 36 boats already on site. They have two venue options for racing and will work with the school and the Charleston Tourism Board on the organization. Their dates are on the earlier side to facilitate cheaper hotels and avoid the holiday weekend traffic. MAISA and NEISA had concerns over the dates. Danielle moved to approve the Charleston venue and tabled the date approval until Conference Commissioners could discuss the dates with their conference. The motion passes. NWICSA would like to swap with SAISA and try to host in 2020. Andrew Nelson will go back to the Conference and see if 2020 is a good year and bring a request to the Semi Annual Meeting.
2. **Match Race Championship Bids** – We solicited bids for future years and received bids from Seawanhaka Corinthian YC/Oakcliff for all future years, and Charleston for 2017/2018. Mitch moved to award it to Seawanhaka for 2017/2018 Danielle seconded the motion the motion passes. Charleston was unsure they could host in 2018/2019 and asked to go home and check dates. After lunch Charleston withdrew their bid and Balboa Yacht Club submitted a bid for 2018/2019. Mitch moved to accept the bid from Balboa Yacht, Danielle seconded the bid. The motion passes.
3. **Transparency and flow of championship information** – Justin relayed a concern from his conference that there is an inner circle that appears to know what's going on in great detail but the flow of that information to the masses is not happening in a smooth or consistent manner. He asked that we look at a way to standardize the flow of information so people know where to look. Danielle suggested a page on the website that is a bit like a blog where the hosts would just post the updates as they come in.
4. **Allowable Practice Area** – Mitch added to the previous conversation that this would be posted on the website when the bid was approved as well. Mike asked if when a bid was approved if the Board should approve the allowable practice area. For example this year when teams asked Mitch approved Mission Bay YC, Coronado YC, or Southwestern YC as long as they turned right out of the harbor. Justin moved that as part of the bid the host included the excluded practice zones. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passes. Justin added that it would be helpful if the bid included a google map with overlays of racing areas, spectating areas, excluded areas, etc.

5. **2016/2017 Match Race Nationals** – The event will take place on the same body of water as this weeks nationals but will not utilize the pier. Launching will be in/out of SDYC and coaches will be onboard our 45' RC boat with a 100' dock strung behind it.
6. **2016/2017 Singlehanded Nationals** – It will be hosted by the Sea Scout Base Galveston. There is onsite housing at a very reasonable rate. Sailing will take place right in front of the facility. Mitch will be the ICSA Rep.
7. **2017 Spring Championships** – Geoff provided an update. Racing will take place in Monroe Harbor up by the museums. Wisconsin and Fordham will provide new boats. Steve Wrigley will be the Chief Umpire/Judge for all three events. The plan is to leave the boats at Monroe. All harbors except Monroe are available for practice. Mike Callahan asked why we would allow Belmont as a practice venue. Scott Ikle asked why we allow practice in the area during the event if it cannot be evenly allocated to all teams. Sherri suggested that this be moved to a discussion at the coaches conference in January.
8. **2017/2018 Singlehanded Nationals** – Allison Jolly provided an updated. The racing could be off Lassen Park, where USF sails, or in the vicinity of the old pier using boats to take everyone on the water.
9. **2019 Spring Championships** – SEISA is still awaiting confirmation on a venue but at the moment it looks like a bid will be coming from the Galveston Area with the Sea Scout Base and the host venue. They have 2008 boats but are looking at having local schools buy new fleets and having them shipped to Galveston, then to the purchaser.

At 12:06 the Board adjourned for lunch. The meeting was reconvened 13:10 at with all directors previously accounted for present.

- F. **Communications and Website** – Jared was present to provide an update on what has been done and what's ahead. The primary site has been rebuilt to be responsive and provide a better face for ICSA. This spring we have launched the new spring championship and hope to add new sites for the fall championships over the summer. He would like to train more people to use and update the sites so it can be updated quickly. The site has built in analytic tracking that can be easily accessed. The new championship site can be easily built for future years and turned over to the hosts once a bid is approved so they can start updating content and sharing details. He is happy to meet with anyone this week to go over any part of the site in more detail.
- G. **Eligibility Committee** – The updated case book is posted on the site. No written report was submitted.
- H. **Hall of Fame Selection Committee Report** – Mitch read the report and announced the winners. Hannah Noll is the Student Leadership Award Winner, Joe Sullivan is the Lifetime Service Award Winner, Skip Swikart is the Outstanding Service by a Volunteer Award winner.
- I. **Interconference Regatta Committee** – Danielle presented the schedule for 2016 Fall, 2017 Spring, and 2017 Fall. There were quite a few changes this year. They are highlighted on the attached schedule. Most are berth changes but there are 3 new interconference events. Danielle moved to accept the schedules as presented. Justin seconded the proposal. The motion passes. Danielle then presented a proposal on behalf of the Rose Bowl host to exempt it and the Sugar Bowl from

Season Limit rules. The two events fall so far out of the normal schedule that they are hard to track, they are mostly exhibit on regattas and since they fall during the winter break they are in a grey zone. William Pollard seconded the motion. Discussion ensued over why those two events should be exempted and not others. The motion passes.

- J. **Procedural Rules** – Geoff presented an updated Procedural Rules document that encompasses all previously approved rules and cleans up grammar and spelling. The only new content is the 20 race maximum. Danielle moved to accept the rules effective Fall 2016. Mitch seconded the motion. The motion passes.

## VIII. **Conference Reports**

- A. **MAISA** – Mike Callahan reported that MAISA is now the largest conference in ICSA. Things are going well in the post Ann Campbell years. They are currently discussing how to handle umpire and judge reimbursements.
- B. **MCSA** – Jacob Bruce reported that they lost a few teams this year but the other teams are getting stronger with more coaches and alumni support. They had 8 teams at their team race champs this year which was a new high. They are planning for the 2017 nationals and are looking at ways to increase women's sailing.
- C. **NEISA** – NEISA has just incorporated in Massachusetts and are working to reestablish as a 501 c3. They have had a couple of teams move from club to varsity with full time coaches. They are working on a club team handbook and club team symposium to help support the club teams.
- D. **NWICSA** – Andrew Nelson reported that they are undergoing leadership changes with Kyle stepping down and Andrew filling his shoes. High school sailing in the area is really growing and they hope that will transition to an increase in local college teams. All of the teams are student run so there are strong years and lean years depending on the team's leadership. There is great activity amongst the Canadian teams.
- E. **PCCSC** – William Pollard reported that the conference is very excited to the nationals this week and the Match Race in the fall. UCSB just took delivery of a new fleet of Zim's. UCLA is purchasing several of SDYC's boats and the teams are strong.
- F. **SAISA** – Mitch Hall reported that SAISA is doing well. They are working to promote women's sailing and bring in new women's teams. They are also holding clinic to strengthen small teams. NC State is hosting a new intersectional next spring, JU is working on a new facility, Eckerd has a new facility, and USF has a new coed coach
- G. **SEISA** – Blake Billman reported that the big 4 are looking to buy new fleets. Ft. Worth is hosting the match race qualifier, UT in Dallas is looking to start a team and they are excited to host the singlehanded nationals in the fall.

## IX. **Old Business**

- A. **LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup** – Happening in Italy on Lake Garda. ICSA has berth to fill but the team needs to find their own funding. The last event was well received and there was a lot of camaraderie among the nationals and a good event for ICSA to participate in. Interested individuals should contact Mitch directly.

X. **New Business**

- A. **MAISA requests that the ICSA Competition Committee review the current nationals format in terms of location and determine if there is a more cost effective way to run nationals. As part of this study MAISA would like the ICSA Competition Committee to determine how much money participating teams spend to compete at the National Championships.** – Mitch assigned this to an ad-hoc committee chaired by Mike Callahan. John Vandemoer, Scott Ikle, Stan Schryer, Max Plarr, and Jon Faudree volunteered to serve on the committee.
- B. **NEISA asks that ICSA direct the eligibility committee to address student eligibility and change it to reflect 8 semesters in 5 years with no more than 4 spring or fall semesters/seasons** – Justin moves that that ICSA direct the eligibility committee to address student eligibility and change it to reflect 8 semesters in 5 years with no more than 4 spring or fall semesters/seasons. Charlie seconded the motion. NEISA feels that a person who participates in the fall and cannot or chooses not to sail in the spring that they should be allowed to sail that spring season in a 5<sup>th</sup> year. Ian asked if college sailing is broken up by year or season, awards are done on a yearly basis. Discussion ensued over which version of the rule was the better fit for ICSA. The motion passes. It now goes to the rules committee for implementation.
- C. **PCCSC Proposes changing the crew substitution rule** – John Vandemoer presented the change where any event with multiple fleets the crew substitution rule would change to match the team racing rule. *PR 14. B) ii) After competing as crew, may shift to another division as skipper or crew but there after sail only in that division. Except as a crew at a regatta with multiple 2 person dinghy fleets, then unlimited crew substitutions may happen as a crew only.* This would allow teams to have smaller travel rosters since heavies could swap between fleets. It would be most useful at three division 2 fleet venues. Mitch asked to move this to the winter meeting agenda and asked the conferences to take it back for discussion. The discussion moved into regatta specific rules and proper notification, specifically start times, wet suit/dry suit requirements, etc.
- D. **Discussion on Conference Membership Reports** – Justin asked the ICSA mandate the Conference Membership Reports be submitted in a timely manner so the Championship Berth Allocation Report can be distributed in a timely manner. Danielle asked what the penalty is if a conference does not submit on time. She can partially generate that report for a conference, she has access to the participation data but does not have the membership categories for the teams. Those categories are part of the berth calculation and are a major part of the annual conference bill. No action was taken.

XI. **Report of the nominating committee** – William Pollard provided the report of the nominating committee, they presented the following slate:

**President:** Mitch Brindley  
**Vice President:** SAISA Undergraduate  
**Secretary:** Danielle Richards  
**Treasurer:** Sherri Campbell  
**At Large:** Greg Fisher  
**At Large:** Greg Wilkinson  
**At Large:** Ian Burman

There were no nominations from the floor. William moved to accept the slate as presented. Justin seconded the motion. The motion passes.

XII. **Meeting Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 local time.