



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

### 2016 Semi Annual Meeting

0900 Saturday, January 9, 2016

Park City Peaks Hotel, Park City, UT

## MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate Vice President William Pollard called the meeting to order at 0901 am local time and welcomes the group to Utah. He then turned the meeting over to President Mitch Brindley.
- 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 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
MAISA Undergraduate:	Samuel Patterson
MCSA Graduate:	Geoff Pedrick
NEISA Graduate:	Justin Assad
NEISA Undergraduate:	Jake Bradt
NWICSA Graduate:	Kyle Eaton
NWICSA Undergraduate:	Jasmine Gerraty
SAISA Graduate:	Howard Cromwell (Proxy)
SAISA Undergraduate:	Angela Skane
SEISA Graduate:	Kyle Eaton (Proxy)

Ian Burman (Navy), Frank Pizzo (Bowdoin), Adam Werblow (St. Mary's/LaserPerformance), Zack Leonard (Yale), Johnny Norfleet (Fordham), David Thompson (Dartmouth), Alicia Blumenthal (Dartmouth), Chris Klevan (Coast Guard), Charles Higgins (Old Dominion), Clinton Hayes (Stanford), Bobby Martin (Boston University), John Mollicone (Brown), Jack Swikart (University of Pennsylvania), Allison Jolly (University of South Florida).
- III. **Additions to the Agenda** - Secretary Richards called for additions to the agenda from the floor. There were several additions submitted from the floor.
  - A. **NEISA** – Chicago Nationals – rake adjustments
  - B. **NEISA** – How berth allocations for the Nationals are handled
  - C. **NEISA** – Women's Semifinal Berth
  - D. **MCSA** – How concussions are handled on the water
- IV. **Review & Approval of the May 24, 2015 ICSA Annual Meeting Minutes** – *Sherri Campbell 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. *Geoff Pedrick 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 work this season. He commented on the past week's discussions highlighted how productive that event has become.

After discussions during the past week Mitch is going to work with some of the less active committee to refine their roles to meet some gaps in ICSA's needs.

Gill has renewed for another 2 years, the other sponsorships are healthy. Working with LaserPerformance on arrangements for Collegiate Cup team(s) for 2016. Beneteau has not renewed their Techscore sponsorship so ICSA is looking for a replacement for that space.

The Oracle America's Cup program worked well but it was hard to get details from them until the last minute. The participants gained a lot from the experience and we are looking forward to the second event in Nevada at the sail facility. Oracle would like us to enter a team in the Youth America's Cup however the team budget is beyond our ability to support.

- VI. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherri Campbell summarized what was previously distributed. The investment account had a larger than usual drop in 2015 due to the volatility of the stock market. That is a long term account so there are no plans to make any adjustments and we will just ride it out. We have taken some money out to cover the costs of the new website.

We do have two allocations already approved that are budgeted to come out this year, \$6,000 for the championship website and \$2500 for the archives at Mystic. 2017 will be a BUSA tour year and we have some funds set aside for that.

Mitch asked about funds for teams attending the World University Games, Sherri noted that in the past we have applied for a US Sailing Grant on their behalf.

*Mitch moved to accept the 2016 Budget. Motion was seconded and approved*

- VII. **Secretary's Report** – Danielle Richards reminded the Board that Conference Membership Reports with all teams, committee appointments, and full officer lists are due February 1. If a Conference has their committee meeting after that date they need to let Danielle know.

This Summer Danielle will work with Mystic to start digitizing the archives. If anyone has an opinion on the order of the files they should let her know before June.

VIII. **Standing Committee Reports**

- A. **Hall of Fame Selection Committee Report** – No report was submitted.
- B. **All Academic Sailing Team** – A written report was submitted and summarized. Mitch noted the difficulty in dispersing the certificates since we don't have permanent addresses for many of the sailors.
- C. **All American Selection Committee** – Ian Burman thanked Adam Werblow for his many years of service to the committee. It was noted that he laid a lot of groundwork and structure that allows the committee to maintain consistency going forward.

Ian summarized the actions of the committee at last spring's championships and their plan going forward.

Ian presented a proposal to change the number of All American crews to more closely match the ratio of All American skippers. Currently the ratios are 1/48 women, 1/145 coed, for a total of 1/112 skippers. When you add in Honorable mentions it became 1/64 skippers while the ratio for crews is 1/124. ***The All American Committee proposed to change the guidelines to allow up to 20 All American Crews with up to an additional 10 Honorable Mentions for a total of no more than 30 honorees' each year.*** He stressed that the committee still sees these numbers as limits and not targets. ***Mitch Brindley moved to accept the change, the motion was seconded and approved.***

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

E. **Championship Committee**

1. The Championship Committee has not met since the last meeting so they have no recommendation on changes to the maximum number of races for semifinals.
2. Women's Semifinal Berths – John Mollicone noted that it was a shame to have boats sitting on the dock during Women's Semifinals and asked the Board to review the number of berths for the event. Danielle read off the allocations based on 32 and 36 berths and last year's membership report.

**Ward Cromwell moved to increase the number of berths at the Women's semifinals to 32. Danielle seconded the proposal.** Considerable discussion ensued about the problems of doing that, what potential fallout there would be if we increased this and teams declined, why we aren't going straight to 36 teams and how we can support women's sailing to promote this. ***The motion failed.***

**Justin Assad moved to increase the number of berths at the Women's Semifinal to 36 starting in 2016. The motion was seconded and passed.**

3. **Match Race Championships** – Clinton Hayes asked that the Board bring the Match Race conditions in line with ISAF standards to keep it relevant. In 2016 all major match races will be using the test rules and asked that ICSA approve it for our events. ***Geoff Pedrick moved to allow the test rules, the motion was seconded and approved.***

Clinton then presented a proposal to change the format the big change is the removal of the 1-6 seeding round, a stage that is unique to ICSA. It also changes the quarter finals to a first to 3 points to make it more in line with other events. ***Geoff Pedrick moved to accept the changes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. Mitch Brindley directed the Championship Committee to implement the changes.***

A 10-minute recess was called at 1006 local time. The meeting reconvened with all previously accounted for members present at 1019.

4. **ICSA Championship Sponsorship Allocation** – Danielle explained that the current sponsorship allocation for the Singlehanded Championship and the Match Race Championship is out of proportion relative to the expenses of those events. It is the committee's recommendation that that Singlehanded sponsorship be changed to \$1500 and increase the Match Race to \$3500 so there is no net change to ICSA. ***Danielle moved***

*to adjust Match Race starting fall 2016 and singlehanded starting Fall 2017 since the 2016 fall singlehanded hosts have already been promised \$2500. Sherri Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

5. **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.

The Board asks the hosts to identify a field of play and allocate that to only competitors and coaches. The hosts will work to implement that.

6. **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.
7. **2016-2017 Singlehanded Nationals @ SEISA** – With the lack of a formal bid from any institution in SEISA ICSA and ISSA have started discussion with the Sea Scout Base in Galveston and will work to pursue that option with a deadline to approve by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. **2017 Spring Nationals @ CYC** – Geoff Pedrick indicated that the one change will be the plan to host in the Southern end of Monroe harbor instead of out of Belmont and boats will be sorted at the Monroe Harbor station. Being in the middle of the country breeze can be all over the place. Boats will be some variation of 420's. There is discussion on having Fordham buying a fleet which may affect the fleets used.
9. **2017-2018 Match Race Nationals @ Salve Regina/Sail Newport** – Salve Regina has withdrawn their bid to host. Mitch recommended that ICSA put the event out to bid with proposal dues for discussion at the AGM.
10. **2017-2017 Singlehanded Nationals @ SAISA** – SAISA will select a venue at their AGM later this month and provide it to our AGM in May.
11. **2018 Spring Nationals @ NWICSA** – Kyle indicated that it would be discussed at their AGM later this month and asked to have until February 1<sup>st</sup> to present a venue before it goes out to bid. ICSA indicated that they would start looking for bids to be prepared.
12. **Updated Kennedy Cup Conditions** – Ian Burman presented the updated Kennedy Cup Conditions on behalf of the Academy. These changes are based on recommendations from the hosting committee. **Mitch moved to accept the conditions, the motion was seconded and approved. The Championship Committee was directed to update the documents and post to the website.**

- F. **Communications and Website** – Danielle explained that the new site is up, she would like some volunteers to help keep it current. Please pass along corrections and you see them.

At this time Mitch pointed out that Gary Jobson and ESPN would not be covering the Spring Championships. At this time, we have no replacement unless LaserPerformance extends their live coverage through coed.

- G. **Eligibility Committee** –Danielle and Mitch summarized the written report presented by the committee. Questions came up about seasons of eligibility as it relates to medical waivers. Mitch noted that the Board passed a rule about eligibility and if a Conference wanted to come to the AGM with a proposed change they could but we would not debate what was presented and approved at a previous meeting.
- H. **Hall of Fame Committee** – Mitch summarized the report as provided by the committee and highlighted the deadlines. There were no questions from the members present. The report was accepted as submitted.
- I. **Interconference Regatta Committee** – Danielle noted that this is not the meeting to submit changes to the schedule as conferences have already scheduled for at least the spring, however two changes have come forward. The date of the Charleston Spring has moved from February 20-21 and moved to March 12-13. The change was a reaction to the shortening of the season. Considerable discussion ensued as to why this was happening and the ramifications of the late change. It was decided it was less painful to accept that change then to go back and tell teams it was moving back. Mitch moved to accept the change, the motion was seconded and approved. NEISA then notified of their report time change at numerous venues. It was then asked what a report time is. The board felt that competitor’s meetings should be electronic email notifications sent on Thursday and the time posted should be a harbor start. Danielle requested hosts send their Harbor Start or competitors meeting time instead of a report time. Mitch moved to accept NEISA’s proposed start time changes.
- J. **Procedural Rules** – Geoff Pedrick reported that the committee has compiled all of the recent changes into a new set of rules and published those in November. There has been no change since then.

Geoff asked the Board to consider allocating more hours to the weekend competition time so it accurately reflects the amount of time that sailors spend in competition. Zack noted that those are NCAA times and schools that fall under NCAA rules have to use those times. Mitch reminded the Board that the approved Procedural Rules are online.

Justin asked what is the procedure for requesting a review or change of a Procedural Rule. Mitch explained that the Conference needs to approve a change and send it to their Procedural Rules Committee representative for discussion. That Committee may request guidance from the Board or just submit a proposed change for approval and inclusion.

John Mollicone asked when/how we can get the approval for a host to allow the adjustment of staymasters reflected in the rules. Previously the Board has approved the host to allow the adjustment at Conference and Interconference Regattas but they are not going to be used at the Nationals in 2016.

Mike Callahan asked the rules committee to clarify and clean up PR 14b3 as it relates to one regatta with 2 teams in it and 2 regattas held at nearby venues where a sailor could sail in both venues in the same day or same weekend. The consensus of the Board was that a sailor can only sail on one

team in a single regatta during a weekend unless that regatta ends (i.e. it is a one day event). Mitch will direct the Executive Committee to work with the Rules Committee on clarifying this rule.

At 12:29 the Board adjourned for lunch. The meeting was reconvened 13:06 at with all directors previously accounted for present.

IX. **Conference Reports**

- A. **MAISA** – The conference is stable in the post Ann Campbell years and the membership is healthy. They are working hard to match the levels of competition to the levels of the schools so everyone has a better experience. They have started paying umpires at conference qualifiers and have started requiring 36 boats for their spring host venues to better mirror the nationals formats. They added an All-Academic team which differs from ICSA in that they allow freshman and sophomores. Communication with the small teams is still a problem and they are working on ideas to improve that.
- B. **MCSA** – Membership numbers are stable however many teams lost seniors so it looks like 2016 will be a development year. They are working more closely with yacht clubs and local schools to strengthen hosting venues and team support. Harken has been a long time partner as well. They are looking to add more women’s events to the calendar, particularly in the fall when there is more sailing time. The MCSA website is moving to the ICSA domain this spring.
- C. **NEISA** – Justin thanked John Mollicone and the Brown team, John Ingalls and the Salve Team, and the New York Yacht Club for hosting Nationals last spring. Several teams are christening or building new facilities. Many teams are also upgrading their fleets and/or adding second fleets. There is exciting growth with new coaches for club teams and expansion of club teams. Many schools that have never fielded a women’s team are now sending women’s teams to multiple events. This fall the New England Fall Championships for both women and coed are going to be hosted by Coast Guard on the same weekend in the same fleet of boats (4 divisions rotating through 3 divisions).
- D. **NWICSA** – There is a large change in teams with most of the leadership graduating. To combat this the conference is actively recruiting sailors at high school events and working with teams to train their team management. More teams are traveling to interconference regattas, especially in the PCCSC. They have added a fall coaching clinic to supplement the spring clinic and further help teams.
- E. **SAISA** – The conference has changed their scheduling process to better reflect the growth in the conference. They have also changed their spring qualifiers to host coed and team racing on the same weekend which they hope will grow team racing. There are a few new coaches in the conference and NC State is hoping to add a new interconference event in 2017. They have lost some of the smaller coed teams and are looking to ways to reengage them and help to develop the teams. They thanked ICSA for allowing COC to host the Match Race Nationals and felt it went well.

X. **Old Business**

- A. **Techscore Committee Report** – Individual sailor records are now fully integrated and teams should start seeing records populating in there. The accolades feature is on hold until the database moves over. Other minor changes have been made to improve the back end and front end user experience. The database transfer is still ongoing. It is turning out to be more of a project than originally anticipated. Match Racing continues to be an unsupported feature. Right now many hosts create a 1 race fleet race to record the scores in the system but it is not ideal. Discussion ensued over the merits of adding Techscore to the program. Questions arose about costs and

timelines. The Board asks that the Techscore subgroup work with Dayan prepare a proposal to add Match Racing to the Techscore system. Mike Callahan asked that when the new database goes live that a feature of it include automatic registration for the ICSA mailing list and their conference mailing list

- B. **BUSA Tour Events Report** – Due to increased problems with scheduling and behavior it was suggested that we develop a sub committee to review the program and come up with recommendations going forward. In 2017 we will be sending a team to England and will need to identify a team coordinator as well. Mitch will identify individuals to be on that committee.
- C. **Proposal to charge out of conference teams at NEISA Team Races an additional \$100 entry fee to fund umpires** – During the last meeting there was support for this topic but the stumbling points were collecting the fees and the minimum standards for billing. Adam felt that there should be a minimum of 6 umpires and all ICSA events that met this criteria should be included in the billing, not just NEISA events. Justin proposes that all NEISA hosted team races with a minimum of 6 umpires will be carry a \$100 umpire fee to be billed by NEISA to the participating teams. Mitch Brindley seconded the proposal. Considerable discussion ensued over why only NEISA events qualify, what a valid number is, billing processes, and administration. Adam asked if ICSA could collect this for all events. Sherri noted that if ICSA did we would need to issue 1099's to the umpires and there would be more overhead and paperwork. She would also not feel comfortable reimbursing a hosts for alcohol expenses given our alcohol policies. After the discussion the motion failed. It was pointed out that the hosts are already authorized to charge an event entry fee.
- D. **LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup** – LaserPerformance is excited to expand College Sailing internationally and will be hosting the 2016 LPCC in Lake Garda during the late summer. The teams are a minimum of 6 people and they are all-star teams from each country. We have 1 team, the defending women's team, who have their expenses paid for. We can apply for a 2<sup>nd</sup> team but need to decide how that team will be composed. Adam will confirm what team goes, how much funding is available, and what restrictions are on that funding. Mitch's recommendation is the first right of refusal goes to the 2016 Coed National's winner and the All Star Women's team selected by the Quantum Women's Sailor of the Year.

## XI. **New Business**

- A. **Fowle Trophy Calculations** – Alice was unable to present so Zack summarized the proposal on her behalf. The current formula does not match the intent of the conditions. The formula does a double correction for the size of the fleet so the Match Race Nationals is weighed as much as the Coed Nationals. The proposal outlined the correction and Mitch moved to accept the recommendation as presented. Sherri seconded the proposal. The motion passes.
- B. **Health of Women's Sailing** – Mitch summarized the discussions that happened during the week on this topic and the consensus was that ICSA needs to be more proactive in promoting women's sailing. At once time ICSA had a separate Women's Committee but with the inclusion of the Women's Dinghy and Women's Singlehanded nationals that committee was disbanded. The discussions this week highlighted the need to reactive that committee and make some proactive steps, some of which have already been accomplished in this meeting; expanding the Women's Dinghy Nationals to 36 teams, increasing the sailing world ranking to 28 teams (same as the coed), actively promoting College Sailing to women, adding more women's regattas, and looking at the culture of ICSA and ISSA in regards to women's sailing. Justin asked what ICSA should be looking for, what are the specific goals because building women's college sailing is very vague. Mitch asked to form an ad-hoc Women's Committee to map out those goals and a plan to achieve them. He

asked Allison Jolly to chair. Zack Leonard, Justin Assad, Geoff Pedrick, Charles Higgins, and Samuel Patterson volunteered to serve on the committee. Mitch directed the committee to work on a 5 year and 10 year plan.

- C. **NEISA/MAISA Discussion of 2017 Fall Schedule** – Mike Callahan presented a proposal from MAISA/NEISA that cleans up the fall season and makes sense of the schedule with an in conference and out of conference schedule. The goals are to condense the fall schedule, improve in-conference competition, and better align the schedules. They also want to move the Conference championships to the last weekends of competition, after the ACC's. This proposal is not restricting the rest of the country from holding inter conference regattas on the first 4 weekends. Considerable discussion ensued over the logistics, the amount of sailing available, the expenses, how it would limit or expand competition. The proposal was not moved for a vote, it was introduced for the conferences to take back for discussion for the Annual Meeting. Mike indicated that the committee wanted this to take effect fall 2018, Danielle noted that those schedule changes are due May 1 so fall 2018 would be more realistic.
- D. **Eligibility Hardship Waivers** – Charles Higgins explained that NCAA has different hardship waivers covering medical incidents, family issues, and other actions beyond a student's control that can affect their ability to compete. MAISA asks that ICSEA draft up similar language to give our sailors the same options. Mitch directed the Eligibility and Rules committee to draft language for the Board to approve.
- E. **Head Injuries** – Justin Assad asked if ICSEA needs to have someone onsite at regattas to be able to make the call if a sailor should no longer sail, and if so what qualifications does that person need to have. Mitch indicated that the regatta management can pull someone out if they are not able to participate and a concussion falls under that criteria. Sherri added that we need to be careful about adding language and requirements as it may affect our insurance. These are adults and need to take on some personal responsibility, especially with the student run teams.
- F. **Conference Championship Contingency Plans and ICSEA No Shows** – NEISA is working on contingency plans for their events and one proposal has set dates for make-up events. They want a team to be able to be excused from the no-show penalty in order to sail in the make-up conference championship. Mitch noted that all no-show penalties are at the discretion of the President and the President will ask for a recommendation from the Conference.
- G. **Personal Sail-Controls at Singlehanded Nationals** – NEISA asks that sailors be allowed to bring their own sail controls to the singlehanded nationals. The new equipment is usually not ready to sail (slick lines, not ideal lines, etc) and the boom vang's are difficult to rig. This does not provide a material advantage to anyone and does not appear to be a conflict with any sponsorship agreements. Justin proposes to allow sailors to bring their own rigging (control lines) and tillers to the Singlehanded Nationals, Ward Cromwell seconded the motion. The motion passes.
- H. **Nominating Individuals to National Sailing Hall of Fame** – Danielle explained that the National Sailing Hall of Fame makes a call for nominations each spring and as a current major governing body of sailing in the US we should be making an effort to forward the individuals from our Hall of Fame to theirs. Danielle proposes that the Hall of Fame Committee nominate 2-3 individuals each year, that meet the NSHOF criteria, to the NSHOF for consideration. Mitch seconded the motion, the motion passes.



- I. **Singing the National Anthem at Major Regattas** – Mike Callahan presented a proposal from Joe Sullivan that has the National Anthem played at the beginning of our National Championships. Most other major sporting events observe this practice and it would not take much to do. The Board opted to leave this decision with the host.
- J. **National Qualifier Berth System** – Justin started by noting that the current nationals berth allocations seem fair but it would not take much to tip the scale and decrease the competitiveness of the Nationals. The biggest concern is with the team race nationals. The berths are easily changed with minor membership changes. This was sent to the Championship Committee for discussion.
- K. **Limit of 8 weekends per season for a competitor** - -Charles Higgins explained that this was a follow up from a discussion last year. Last year he was unable to find a coed competitor who was sailing more than 8 weekends, and only 1 female sailor did exceed it, Mary Hall. It comes into play in conferences that have performance rankings where coaches of smaller teams need to sail more events as the season goes on to maintain their performance ranking. This is generally viewed as a rule to protect the sailor from the coach. Zack noted that this is not fixing the underlying problem which is the unrestricted practice schedule in the off season and the ability to run practice every week of the year. After discussion Mitch recommended that we do a comprehensive look at season limits and include practice limitations as well. Mitch asks each Conference Commissioner to appoint an individual to work on this committee.
- XII. **Appointment of the nominating committee** – Mitch appointed Justin Assad, Blake Billman, Mike Callahan, and Jasmine Gerraty to the nominating committee that will be chaired by Vice President William Pollard. He reminded them that the requirements were outlined in the By-Laws and their report needed to be ready prior to the Annual Meeting in May. He then thanked them for their service.
- XIII. **Meeting Adjournment** – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 16:25 local time. The Annual Meeting will be held at the San Diego Yacht Club, Monday, May 23, 2016.