



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

2017 Annual Meeting
1130, Monday, May 22, 2017
Charleston, South Carolina
301 Meeting St, Charleston, SC 29401

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate President (Proxy) Maura Lonergan from the College of Charleston called the meeting to order at 1207 and welcomed the group to Charleston. She then turned the meeting over to ICSA 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:	Maura Lonergan (Proxy)
Secretary:	Danielle Richards
Treasurer:	Sherri Campbell
MAISA Graduate:	Michael Callahan
MAISA Undergraduate:	
MCSA Graduate:	Brian Tobelmann
MCSA Undergraduate:	Maura Lonergan (Proxy)
NEISA Graduate:	Justin Assad
NEISA Undergraduate:	Charlie Welsh
NWICSA Graduate:	Andrew Nelson
PCCSC Graduate:	Danielle Richards
PCCSC Undergraduate:	Kylie Sullivan
SAISA Graduate:	Mitchell Hall
SEISA Graduate:	Mary Berg (Proxy)
SEISA Undergraduate:	Malcolm Kriegel

Bob Adam (Zim Sailing), Jesse Andrews (University of Hawaii), Cole Brauer (University of Hawaii), Ian Burman (U.S. Naval Academy/Executive Committee), Brian Clancy (Cornell University), Nicole Coleman (MCSA), Greg Fisher (College of Charleston/Executive Committee), Scott Ikle (Hobart & William Smith Colleges), Chris Klevan (U.S. Coast Guard Academy), Dana Magliola (North Carolina State), Billy Martin (George Washington University), John Mollicone (Brown University), Frank Pizzo (Bowdoin College), Brad Schaupeter (UC Santa Barbara), Brian Swingly (U.S. Coast Guard Academy), John Vandemoer (Stanford University), Adam Werblow (St. Mary's College of Maryland/LaserPerformance), Julia Wiesner (Jacksonville University)

III. **Additions to the Agenda** – The following additions to the agenda were made from the floor:

- A) Exemption for Match Race Clinic from PR Appendix A (Brindley for D. Perry)
- B) Discussion of an Executive Assistant for ICSA (Vandemoer)
- C) Discussion of invite berths (Swingly)

IV. **Review & Approval of the January 14, 2017**– Danielle presented the meeting minutes from the 2017 Semi Annual Meeting. *Sherri Campbell moved to accept with minor changes, Mitch seconded the motion and the motion passes.*

V. **President's Report** – Mitch noted that college sailing operates with the support of dedicated volunteers and he thanked everyone for another season of hard work. Sponsorships are still strong and all sponsorship agreements are current through the fall. Sperry just renewed for 2 years.

There has been interest from a new school to add sailing as a varsity sport in SEISA. He hopes this will help revitalize the programs in that Conference. Adam asked if there is a way to make a template to help teams make this jump or if we felt it was better for Mitch or someone at ICSA to have a hands-on approach working with the school on the process.

This summer/fall we want to take a closer look at the new nationals' rotation and work with the conferences to get bids submitted. He looks forward to hearing from Charleston how it was to host without the burden of banquets, social events, and food and the focus being on enhancing the competition during the hours of competition.

Adam Werblow asks if we have a better avenue for helping get new team started in ICSA besides calling Mitch and if there is another way to help club teams move to varsity. Mitch noted that each school is very unique in their needs and requirements but it would benefit ICSA to have a more concise package to at least help them get started. Adam then asked if we should have an advisory panel to help those teams make the change or get started.

VI. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherri noted that her report has been posted with the meeting documents. We do have the BUSA Tour/LP Collegiate Cup tour this year which makes a bump in our expenses. She also submitted an update to the billing policy. **Mitch moved to accept the report and the recommended changes to the Billing Policy. The motion was seconded and approved.**

VII. **Secretary's Report** (Richards) - Richards noted that some conferences are still struggling to submit the required membership reports in a timely manner (due February 15). Additionally if every conference would follow the template provided it would make the process much easier in the end. She also noted that we are now need to build a new Team Database to replace the database that was stored on the old, inaccessible Lighthouse Hosting server. She asked conference commissioners to provide data and the appropriate fields for each team in their conferences. It was recommended that the Communications Committee manage the development and maintenance of this team database, as it is a critical component to communications and the public's contact with individual teams.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A) **All-Academic Sailing Team** (Lindblad) – John Vandemoer. Forms are online and are due June 9th. Insure that any regattas that may be missing from Techscore in the fall are added to the form. Also team reserves can be added.

B) **All-America Selection Committee** (Burman) – Need representation from the NWICSA and the SEISA. Committee would welcome that participation. Announcement video is burdensome to the committee. Burman added that he could announce the team this year following the championship. General discussion recommended that the team be announced at the venue following the dinghy championship. Following a later break and confirmation from Burman, **Brindley moved that the All-America Selection Committee announce the Team at the conclusion of the Women's and Coed Dinghy Championship effective this spring. Motion seconded and approved.** The video will be redirected as an event wrap-up and the team will be

announced live at the venue. It was noted by many that we should deemphasize the personal performance and highlight team achievements.

- C) **Championship Committee** (Wilkinson) – presented by Richards 46:50
- 1) Championship Bid for 2019 needed from NEISA by the winter meeting. Maybe Dartmouth if no other team will step up. There was general discussion concerning the unwillingness to host by venues that have 2 LP fleets and the willingness to host by venues without LP fleets. Also there is an issue of the newer format (fleet sizes) being too big for some venues. The question was asked, “What can ICSA do to make this easier on the host?” It was also discussed the issue of splitting the events among multiple venues. It was generally felt that splitting the events would not be a favorable course of action for the Association.
 - 2) Championship Timeline Requirements At Large – 2020 (bids due Spring 2018)
 - 3) Championship Reports
 - a) 2017 Spring Championship – COC- no change from previous submission
 - b) 2017 Singlehanded Championship – USF -
 - c) 2017 Match Race Championship – COC- D Richards made a **Motion to change the date to Nov 10-12 per the request by COC. Motion seconded (Brindley) and approved.**
 - d) 2018 Spring Championship – ODU no change from previous submission. Discussion to shift dates to start on Women’s Wednesday instead of Tuesday in order to overlap two weekends. Discussion also led to moving team race from the middle of the series. No changes were made.
 - e) 2018 Singlehanded Championship – MCSA Hope College needs to submit online bid form.
 - f) 2018 Match Race Championship – Balboa YC, PCCSC
 - g) 2019 Spring Championship – Need bid by Spring 2018
 - h) 2019 Singlehanded Championship - PCCSC
 - i) 2019 Match Race Championship- interest from Seawanaka YC. Need online bid form.
- D) **Communications and Website** (Kelvan)- Chris noted that he is in need of undergrad participation and more division of work for his college sailing weekly updates. His efforts are well received and appreciated.
- E) **Afterguard Committee** (Turluck) - No report. Alumni Regatta is scheduled.
- F) **Eligibility** (Griswold) – No report submitted. Michael Callahan noted that he and Mitch received an email about transfers and asked if ICSA wanted to set a policy on how to address transfers. Would ICSA want to set a "no compete period", require sailors to request permission to talk to another school, and set penalties for teams contacting kids at another school. It is generally agreed that the minimal best practice is for to request permission to speak with a transfer prospect. Mitch will follow up the committee and work with the transfer question.
- G) **Hall of Fame** (Turluck) – See attached report of honorees for 2017. Adam asked for guidance from the Board on best practices for how the committee should operate. It is suggested that the committee have the opportunity to discuss the merits of each nominee. Additionally, the votes taken by the committee should be open within the committee. Brindley will provide guidance to the committee chair the on these recommendations from the board.
- H) Break
- I) **Interconference Regattas** (Richards) See attached schedule and highlighted changes.
 1. Spring 2018. MAISA explained reasons for changes made to spring schedule were based on formation of MAISA Team Race League as a qualifier for their conference championship. Other changes not listed: Navy Spring Women's will have 10 MAISA, 1 MCSA, 6 NEISA, 1 PCCSC, 2 SAISA. Navy Spring: 12 MAISA, 3 NEISA, 1 MCSA, 1 PCCSC, 2 SAISA, 1 SEISA.

2. Brindley requested that the NEISA member of the Interconference Committee (Pizzo) will serve as a deputy scheduler and be charged with overseeing the accuracy of the schedule. Frank Pizzo made reference to the issue of reduced interconference competition among teams. The issue was echoed by the MCSA. Led to discussion on the ability of teams from outside conferences to compete in unfilled in-conference "B level" events. Need better communication among conference schedulers. Danielle Richards recommends a master schedule of all events which would display available berths. It was recommended that teams work with their conference scheduler to identify events they would like to attend, then the scheduler will help facilitate getting that berth.
3. Fall 2018. See attached Fall schedule for indicated changes primarily related to Showcase event structure in MAISA and NEISA and not having interconference events on weekends F01-F04. New fee structure is needed to remain revenue neutral for ISCA. Currently a loss of about \$5000 without current interconference regattas. **Motion to accept proposed schedules made by Brindley, accepted and passed.**
4. Rose Bowl. Discussion, Rose Bowl to remain as an interconference regatta.
5. No Show Report- no redress granted for no-shows.

J) **Procedural Rules** (Pedrick)

- 1) No substantial changes from the committee; re-lettering appendix S references to Appendix U per change in RRS.
- 2) Correction approved to **PR A2 a) During the ICSA Competition Year, a college is limited to a maximum of 20 (starting Fall 2018: 18) competition weekends as defined by Procedural Rule A1(a), with a seasonal maximum of 12 competition weekends during either of the Fall season or Spring Season. Motion, Brindley / Second, Assad / Passed.**
- 3) New version will be released in August by the procedural rule.
- 4) Change needed in College Sailing Class Rules to clarify how and when hosts and events can change adjustable standing rigging during an event. It is requested that an amendment to rules are made so the host must ask President for approval to allow competitors to adjust standing rigging during an event. After approval is granted, ability to adjust standing rigging shall be indicated on the ICSA Schedule. Requests must be made by August 1 for Fall events or November 1 for Spring Events. Once it has been indicated on the schedule it shall remain until another request is made for that event.

K) **Conference reports** (presented by respective Conference representative) 2:55:00

- 1) NWICSA - Bigger team have gotten bigger and some smaller team have gotten smaller. Regattas are getting bigger, and as a whole the conference is healthier.
- 2) NEISA – Increase in small team involvement. Club team handbook available but still being refined. Desire to have an increase in women's teams. Hosted a successful developing team seminar.
- 3) PCCSC - A more competitive Coed Championships this year. And an increase in the number of women's teams competing at the conference championships.
- 4) SEISA - Solid amount of growth at Coed events. New municipal sailing center in New Orleans which will be a new venue for college sailing.
- 5) MCSA – New Conference Commissioner, Brian Tobleman. Conference goal to get more top teams to interconference events.
- 6) SAISA – Some challenges with student leadership at a few schools. New treasurer, Julia Wisner.
- 7) MAISA – Trying to redesign schedule so like teams compete with each other and more regattas with team competing at a lower cost.

- A) BUSA Tour/LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup - Charles Higgins is team leader and is accepting applicants for team. It will be a coordinated tour for both events. And the BUSA tour will be shorter. BUSA Tour returns to US on Fall of 2019.
- B) State of Women's Collegiate Sailing - gender equity gap. See document from Andy Johnson. Would adding women's scholarships, increase participation in women's sailing at the collegiate, high school, and youth as has happened when other sports began offering scholarships, rowing, volleyball, etc... Discussion ensued and would be better served with facts rather than opinions. 500% increase in women participants in college athletics in the 40 years since Title IX was enacted. Enrollment across the US is at 57% women. College Sailing is not near that level. Need more effective involvement of ad hoc committee for women's college sailing with recommended action.

X. New Business

- A) PR Change to allow Grad Students (MCSA)- See attachment. Impetus for change came from a Wisco grad student that was part of a combined undergraduate / graduate degree program. Student felt that he was being compelled to extend his undergraduate studies at expense in order to keep sailing. MCSA feels that college sailing is hindering the athletes who may be pursuing a graduate degree. Mike Callahan expressed his fear that colleges without graduate programs would be harmed by an advantage that schools with graduate programs might have. He passionately stated that he feels college sailing is the last bastion of amateur athletics. Allowing graduate students to compete would allow schools to "game the system." Concern with potential abuse. Discussion progressed to general transfer limitations. Assad recommended that the discussion be tabled until more data on graduation rates of college sailor and participation in graduate schools be collected and reviewed. **MCSA tables the discussion and asked the topic to be placed on the agenda for the winter meeting.**
- B) Justin Assad: **NEISA proposes that the Interconference No-Show penalty be applied only to the scheduling process for women's regattas when the no-show was at a women's regatta, and only to coed regattas when the no-show was at a coed regatta. – Charlie Welsh seconded, motion fails.**
- C) **Exemption added to Appendix A1 b) to exempt Dave Perry's Match Race Clinic. Moved by Brindley / Second / Passed.**
- D) Discussion of invite berths (Swingly) - Limited discussion, no action.
- E) Brindley urged conference committee members to be more involved with their committee roles and this will reduce the burden upon the ICSA secretary. Danielle will provide task list to conference commissioners, so some of the work can be shifted out to the conferences. Need to adjust Techscore to automate some functions.

XI. Report of the Nominating Committee – Mike Callahan provided the report of the nominating committee, they presented the following slate:

President: Mitch Brindley
Vice President: SAISA Undergraduate through championships.
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. There was general discussion to unburden the Secretary with some of the duties encumbered upon the position. Richards will present the board with a list of duties that could be reassigned. **Callahan moved to accept the slate as presented. Justin seconded the motion. The motion passes.**

XII. Adjourn by Maura Lonergan

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Danielle M. Richards', written in a cursive style.

Danielle M. Richards
ICSA Graduate Secretary

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