



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

2024 Annual Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2023

9am PT, 10am MT, 11am CT, 12pm ET

Hybrid Meeting

Zoom

In Person All-American Room

2nd Floor, Yocum Sailing Center

- I. Call to order (Undergraduate) 12 10
- II. Roll call (Clarke)
- III. Additions to the agenda (Clarke)
- IV. [Executive Director's Report](#)
 - A. Championship Conditions Thank you to Greg Fisher, the Rules Committee, and the Competition Committee for their work on the Championship Conditions. The new Championship Conditions were approved on April 19, 2023.
 - B. The TIDE Task Force represented ICSA at the US Sailing SLF in Tampa. It was a massive success and they were able to highlight how much impact the task force has made in college sailing and beyond. The work done by TIDE was recognized by our Board on April 19 as vital and was approved to become a standing committee. The committee will maintain its current mission and makeup. I want to personally thank Cori Radtke for her commitment to this Task Force. Multiple members who come forward to acknowledge how hard she has worked, how much time she has spent on this important task force, and how much she has accomplished on behalf of the organization – while still maintaining a day job as a coach and a member of our very active and busy communications committee.
 - C. The Automatic Qualifier Requirements also took a great deal of effort from the Rules, Competition, and Scheduling Committees. Thank you to everyone who is continuing to work on this. We are working toward a solution that benefits the organization as a whole, maintains our integrity as a College Sport, and sets the National Championships up as both a pinnacle for college sailing while still being accessible.
 - D. High-Risk Sports Designation: Several clubs in the Midwest have been informed by their schools that they are being evaluated as high-risk clubs. There is a consulting firm advising schools about sports that should have status revoked based on their risk. We will have some working sessions this

summer with the executive committee to potentially draft a letter for our schools to provide to administration regarding our safety protocols and our collaboration with US Sailing to ensure safety. We will also try to reach out to the consultants to provide some background.

- E. Volunteers and Insurance: We are starting to find more yacht clubs and race officials asking us about our insurance coverage for them. We have been clarifying with race officials on a case-by-case basis. We also updated our website language to reflect our insurance coverage more clearly. Intercollegiate Sailing Association extends coverage from our General Liability Policy to volunteers, race officials and umpires. Additionally, volunteers have permission to operate or be onboard vessels on behalf of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association. College Sailing does have a liability policy with a limit of at least \$1,000,000. The coverage does extend to the use or operation of borrowed boats or chartered boats.
 - F. Marlow Ropes, Starting Line Sailing - Zim/West Coast Sailing, Quantum Sails, Dermotone: have been coordinating with KP to ensure a successful and highly engaged Nationals block. They will have a presence in the coming few weeks during the Nationals block. c. We also transitioned photos and branding on our website to reflect Zim in our media.
 - G. US Sailing: We are meeting with Eric Krasnoo this week to discuss deepening the relationship, a list of partnership ideas, and expanding opportunities for ICSA. US Sailing met internally prior to this meeting to develop a menu of opportunities for our discussion. On our menu are support in finding sponsorships from their sponsors, becoming the Official Streaming Provider of College Sailing National Championships, and collaborative social media/member outreach to identify alums and persons interested in supporting ICSA, partnership in developing documentation regarding our safety protocols, training, and more to provide to schools (in regards to the high-risk sport issue).
 - H. Vakaros: are interested in becoming an Official Training Data and Partner of ICSA. They have been working independently with teams and coaches to gain traction.
 - I. Zhik: Had an initial phone call with them to open the relationship. Provided them with data around our participation rates and reach and our sponsorship process. Simon Payne is speaking with me this week.
 - 1. This is one that I would want to loop Zim/West Coast into sooner than later (as was discussed with them at SLF). There could be an opportunity to work with Zhik and other sponsors in regards to the high-risk sport designation issue (life jackets and education)
- V. President's Report (Brindley)
- A. I am pleased to present my final President's report at this 2023 Annual Meeting of the ICSA Board of Directors covering our achievements and challenges for the 2022-23 year. Some of College Sailing's key achievements and project successes include

- B. This year ICSA will have hosted 359 regattas with over 3725 entries. This is the greatest number of events scored yet on Techscore and is an 8% increase over last year.
 - C. College Sailing welcomed our first Executive Director. Reed has been fantastic to work with, and I am confident that the ICSA and college sailors will benefit tremendously from his professionalism, leadership skills, and energy. As we go into the new academic year with several new board officers including President and Treasurer, Reed's work to improve the committee workflows will be important.
 - D. In year 2 of the new national championship selection process, we continue to evaluate, adjust, and improve the selection process. This will include further development of standards for a conference to receive an Automatic Qualifier. The Competition/Championships Committee worked hard to finalize the new comprehensive Championship Conditions which were approved by the board in April.
 - E. Reed and I, along with the members of ICSA TIDE attended the US Sailing Leadership Forum. Reed and I had the opportunity to meet with some of our existing sponsors as well as potential sponsors and partners. Kudos to TIDE, particularly to Cori, Michelle Lahrkamp, and Preston for their presentation during the Forum. ICSA TIDE is leading our sport in DEI initiatives. TIDE has been elevated to a Standing Committee. Cori is stepping down as chair. Cori has been such a terrific leader and the work she has done with ICSA TIDE is outstanding. Thank you to Cori Radtke!
 - F. With Reed's assistance, sponsorship support is growing, and we welcome Dermatone as the Official Skin Care Sponsor and Supplier of College Sailing. The Dermatone Face of College Sailing campaign was great. I am so thankful for the help from the Communications Team. We have a healthy relationship with our other sponsors, Zim/West Coast Sailing, Marlow, US Sailing, and Quantum. I am excited to see what is to come from other potential partners that we are developing and expanding relationships with. As we conclude the year, I am thankful for all you, and I appreciate that you have engaged your personal time, energies, and resources to the benefit of College Sailing. So many great friends, fellow coaches, student athletes, administrators, and competitors have helped me both personally and professionally in my role as President of ICSA. It is our combined passion for College Sailing, the desire, despite differences, to put the best interest of the sport above all, that has furthered the ICSA. As always, we have much more to do, but I appreciate all that you have done thus far.
- VI. Treasurer's Report (Donahue)
 - VII. Secretary's Report (Clarke)
 - A. Thank you to everyone for a great tenure as Secretary! At this time, I decided to step back from the role but I will continue to work with ICSA, in a lower capacity.

Standing Committee Reports

- VIII. All-Academic Sailing Team

- A. Nominations are now open through June 9th for 2022-2023. Requirements are at 3.3 cumulative GPA and 7 regattas as a sailor or reserve this year in college sailing. Please submit nominations, we're trying to move the timetable up this year and every nomination form will be recognized.
- IX. All-America Selection Committee (Healy)
 - A. Thank you, Ian Berman, for your years of service. The committee has been working over the last few months and meeting regularly and will be good to report the women's skippers at the end of their championship, followed by open crews and skippers at the end of that championship.
- X. Championship/Competition Committee (Higgins)
 - A. The Committee met regularly throughout the Spring
 - B. ICSA Women's and Open Team Race/Fleet Race National Championship Selection: The selection committee was thanked for their time and dedication - Allie Blecher, Clinton Hayes, Ned Jones, Gabrielle Rizika, and Kelsey Wheeler, and on the Open Selection Committee, Chris Barnard, Derek Deskey, Charlie Lalumiere, Isabelle Strachan, and Molly Vandemoer - and Hannah Lynn for putting together the selection forms. Overall the process and steps went well but going forward, meetings should only be attended by: the selectors, ICSA Executive Director, the Championship Committee Chair, and an individual to act as the form facilitator. This will foster more deliberation by the selectors. This year, the entire Competition Committee was allowed to sit in, cameras off. Another point of feedback is to look at TecScore capability expansion, as they are reviewing an entire year's worth of data.
 - C. General Requirements for Conference Championships and AQ Selection: the Committee could not reach a consensus to bring a formal proposal and will continue to deliberate. If the Board has guidance, the Committee is happy to take this into consideration.
 - D. Championship Conditions: with the help of Greg Wilkinson and the Rules Committee, the conditions for National Championships (including the AQ and selection process) were revised over an extended period. The conditions were passed by the Board at an April special meeting.
 - E. Upcoming Championships:
 - 1. Women's Team Race National Championship: review to come after championship is completed
 - 2. Fall 2023 Singlehanded National Championships: Tulane, November 11-12
 - 3. Fall 2023 Match Race National Championships: College of Charleston, November 3-5
 - a) There were multiple bids
 - 4. Spring 2024 ICSA National Championships: MIT
 - a) There was a request to look at the feasibility of running Open/Women's Fleet Races around Weekend 13 in the Spring. The committee recognizes this may mean more missed classes for a few teams, but the overall sentiment is that it's feasible and the cost savings for the majority of ICSA and logistics/equity gains would make it a positive move.

- b) Also, there are 60 4-year institutions in Boston that seem to have graduation around that time.
- 5. Fall 2024 ICS National Championships
 - a) Recommend Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, November 15-17 for Match Race Nationals
 - b) Singlehanded Nationals is still open for a bid
- 6. Nationals bids
 - a) Trying to get everything on a 2 year timeline.
 - b) Spring 2025 Nationals: open bid with preliminary interest from the Chicago Yacht Club and Mission Bay, but there's been nothing formal yet, with a preference to non-MAISA, NEISA, SEISA.
 - c) Singlehandeds in 2024 are open bid as well, trying to keep it in the South.
- 7. Ranked list for Open and Women's fleet racing - true ranking or to help sort into 2 even fleets?
 - a) Selectors do the seeding, 1-36. Semi-finals A have seed one, Semi-finals B have seeds 2-3, and then it goes to alternating. Feedback was provided about the method used last year (Press Release of the semi-finals, after the teams had been seeded, that was sorted alphabetically) versus this year. The timeframe was shorter this year, and that process did not occur. This feedback was noted and appreciated.
- 8. AQ: There was a presentation at the Special meeting, which was tabled. It is important that going forward, the minimum standards for an automatic qualifier are outlined - but the question became what are the minimum standards. Tyler ran the averages and all but SEISA would still have qualified and we went to a Selection committee to eliminate the unfair nature of small conferences automatically qualifying a relatively high number of teams.
- 9. Intersectionals west of the Mississippi: the system - regattas are given the grade based on the competitiveness of the event. On the open side, and the CSR, teams 1-52 were looked at by the Selection Committee and gaining more CSR points isn't something that was going to gain anyone 1-52 more looks. Giving a grade to a regatta preemptively goes against the system that's been in place the last few seasons. Points were raised about equity and access to intersectional events. On the flip side, teams/conferences of like-mind could create a grade one event. For women's, there is a program in place for this to put a regatta on the schedule as a Grade 3 CSR event.

XI. Communications and Website

- A. KP Nationals: Lexi Pline will be covering College Sailing Social Media, and photography. Arielle Darrow and Preston Anderson will be writing the press releases.
- B. College Sailing Faces of the Week: Presented by Dermatone We completed a social media campaign, "College Sailing Faces of the Week - Presented by Dermatone." The project was to highlight different members in the ICSA.

Dermatone was a collaborator on most posts which allowed ICSA content to reach a huge audience. Thank you to Reed for helping with this project weekly!

- C. Sponsors: In addition to the “Faces of the Week - presented by Dermatone,” we also did a few posts to help recognize our other sponsors, ZIM/West Coast Sailing.
- D. Press Releases: We have onboarded new press release writers to help with the demands of the many releases ICSA puts out throughout the year. Arielle Darrow wrote the Press Releases during Women’s Team Race Nationals and will be writing the event releases during KP Nationals. Preston Anderson will be writing the Individual Awards Release which will highlight All American Awards, and College Sailing Individual Awards more in depth. This release will come out on Saturday, June 3 (after all Nationals are concluded).
- E. Social Media Freelance Position: We were able to hire a social media freelance position for Women’s Team Race Nationals at Stanford. Simone Staff did an amazing job updating the College Sailing social media and also assisting with photography. We are looking to continue this and hire freelance social media people for all Premier Events. This position is crucial to sustain the level of social media presence College Sailing has.
- F. Google Request Form: The committee implemented a google request form for ICSA members during the fall. This form has been working well as a way to compile information all in one location, and to get the relevant details for each request.
- G. Conference Social Media Management: More conference accounts have been active on social media.

XII. Hall of Fame Selection Committee Report

- A. So we have 2 electees this year, both, which are stunningly outstanding nominations. Committee members have agreed they're going to work harder to try to work in their conferences so that we have more people nominated. One issue identified included the number of required contacts to be on the different ICSA lists, so perhaps we just don't have enough people seeing the notices so that they know to do it. There's got to be a better way. We don't really have a schedule that putting the deadline in is very effective anymore. Once again this year we had a submission way after the deadline. We can't make exceptions. We notify for 6 weeks. So with that super thrilled with the group we have this year. Be really proud of them, encourage others.
- B. The Honorees this year:
 - 1. Jim Rousmaniere Award for Outstanding Student Leadership: Michelle Larkamp, Stanford University 2023
 - 2. No nominations for our lifetime service.
 - 3. No nominations for college sailing professional.
 - 4. No nominations for outstanding service volunteer.
 - 5. Meritorious Service: Samuel Blaine Pedlow, Cal Berkeley, 2002 graduate.

XIII. Eligibility Procedural Rules

- A. There were only 2 questions submitted during Spring 2023.
 - 1. In response to the question of, “Is there a way to register with Techscore using “them/they” as it relates to gender? No, currently Techscore will

- only accept “Female” or “Male” as a selection. TIDE and the ICSA Board of Directors are reviewing best practices to resolve this issue.
2. In response to, “Are non-binary sailors eligible to sail in ICSA Women’s events? Yes, if a non-binary individual registers with Techscore as “Female”, they will be eligible for any ICSA Women’s event [PR 15(a)]. Note - currently ICSA has no rules that apply to eligibility for Women’s events.
- B. The Committee recommends the expansion of “Gender” choices when registering with Techscore and the current eligibility requirements for Women’s events be eliminated.
 - C. The Committee recommends PR 12 be edited to include a new rule “Gender Eligibility”: Individuals registering with the following Genders shall be as follows: Open events - all genders; Men’s events - male or non-binary; Women’s events - female or non-binary.
 - D. Joann Brislin: If we think about using the NCAA guidelines for non-binary individuals are that they compete with their assigned gender from birth; for transgender individuals there are some specific criteria to follow/meet to compete with their transgender group. Given that sailing has this open category, I just want to bring it to everyone’s attention.
 - E. Tabled until the TIDE Presentation.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

XIV. TIDE Report

- A. [TIDE Survey](#): provides an overview of demographics in the ICSA - both athletes and coaches. There was data from coaches on the frequency of hearing the use of derogatory language at regattas and data from sailors about gender, LGBTQIA+ identities, position as skipper/crew, and sailing background.
 1. Derogatory Language, as defined in the survey, was racial slurs, sexist language, etc.
- B. [Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender Nonconforming Policy \(TNGNC\)](#)
 1. Sex at Birth: Infants are assigned a sex at birth, “male” or “female,” based on the appearance of their external anatomy, and an M or an F is written on the birth certificate
 2. Cisgender: A cisgender person is a person whose gender identity is aligned with the sex they were assigned at birth.
 3. Transgender: An adjective to describe people whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth. It is important to note that being transgender is not dependent upon physical appearance or medical procedures.
 - a) Trans Woman: A woman who was assigned male at birth
 - b) Trans Man: A man who was assigned female at birth
 4. Nonbinary People: Nonbinary is an adjective used by people who experience their gender identity and/or gender expression as falling outside the binary gender categories of "man" and "woman."

5. Gender Non-Conforming (GNC): A term used to describe people whose gender expression differs from conventional expectations of masculinity and femininity.
 - a) Please note that many cisgender people have gender expressions that are gender non-conforming. Simply having a non-conforming gender expression does not make someone trans or nonbinary. Nor are all transgender people gender non-conforming.
6. There is currently no written policy. From the 2023 Culture and Demographics Survey, 3% of athletes identified as non-binary and 0.5% identified as transgender. US Sailing currently operates under an interim policy.
7. Would allowing Trans women to compete in women's events violate Title IX? Probably not – Trans women are women and the Dept. of Education recently proposed an amendment to Title IX against restrictions:
 - a) “If a recipient adopts or applies sex-related criteria that would limit or deny a student's eligibility to participate on a male or female team consistent with their gender identity, such criteria must, for each sport, level of competition, and grade or education level: (i) be substantially related to the achievement of an important educational objective, and (ii) minimize harms to students whose opportunity to participate on a male or female team consistent with their gender identity would be limited or denied.”¹
8. What does this mean? “Schools could also not justify an exclusion of trans students based on over broad generalizations or false assumptions, such as restrictions that assume physical advantages for trans athletes across all sports”
9. Why is this being proposed? Currently there is no formal policy for Trans and non-binary sailors. Without a written policy, assumptions are made about ICSA's policy. Current athletes, coaches and other organizations assume what our policy is.
10. When can we expect a non-binary option to be added to Techscore? This was looked into in March but we do not have an update at this time.
11. Why should Non-Binary Athletes be allowed to sail in Women's events? Anyone who does not identify with a binary gender group should be able to choose the one they feel comfortable with.
12. It is important that as an organization, we are in line with NCAA policies, as explained by Joann Brislin. The position of the TIDE Committee was to let them compete where they best fit. Comments were also made stating that ICSA can be on the right side of history and proceed with the TIDE proposal. There are important points for anyone to consider from an administrative standpoint because there have been lawsuits, protests, etc. in other sports. The inclusion is applauded, but there needs to be preparation to defend any decisions from potential legal action.
13. TIDE has reached out to lawyers for consultation, which will be taken into account. This does not say that schools cannot set their own policies. Conversation ensued about the unique nature of sailing - inclusive by

nature with the open category - as well as the importance of having legal counsel to facilitate this change. Oaklin shared the real impact of this policy on college sailing, and the importance of a safe space for student athletes that identify as non-binary/transgender.

14. ICSA insurance policies would likely cover the Board of Directors in any potential lawsuits, and questions were posed about legal coverage for leaders in the organization. The policy does extend to the officers and directors of the ICSA and Reed will see if it extends to the officers/directors of member organizations.

C. Sidebar - extension of insurance coverage for purchasing power was previously brought up, and the question was posed again regarding the extension of policies to schools/conferences.

D. Brindley: Motion to accept the TIDE TNGNC Proposed policy and enact this policy where needed within the Bylaws and Procedural Rules; seconded by Dan Thompson. Motion passed: 13 in favor, 0 opposed.

1. The following statement is to be added to the Procedural Rules (as recommended by the Eligibility Committee). The following policy may be adjusted to meet the evolving needs of the sailing community: The ICSA welcomes athletes of all gender identities in its organization. Discrimination in any form towards an athlete based on their sex, gender identity, and/or gender expression is explicitly prohibited. For competitions classified as Open (formerly Coed) events, all athletes, regardless of gender identity are able to compete. For competitions classified as Women's events, all female-identifying and non-binary sailors are eligible to compete, and for competitions classified as Men's events, all male-identifying and non-binary sailors are eligible to compete.
2. Additionally, TIDE proposed the following specifications to be incorporated -
 - a) Open Sailing: Athletes of any gender identity are permitted to compete in Open competitions* without gender identity- or sex-related restrictions**, and athletes are not required to provide any documentation of their sex or gender to compete in Open competitions.
 - (1) *Open events include, but are not limited to, any conference/regional fleet race event, team race event, and match/sloop race event.
 - (2) **A specific Open competition may impose additional requirements for the gender composition of a team to promote inclusion (such as requiring more than one gender to be represented on each boat).
 - b) Women's Sailing: Female-identifying and non-binary athletes are permitted to compete in Women's competitions, including, but not limited to, fleet and team race events.
 - c) Single-handed Sailing: For Single-handed sailing events, if the class division is based on gender—Men's and Women's— then male-identifying and female-identifying sailors are permitted to

compete, respectively, in those classes; non-binary athletes are permitted to compete in either class (but not both within the same competition year unless petition is approved by the board). In Open singlehanded events, athletes are permitted to sail in the event of their choice, regardless of gender identity.

3. TIDE recommends that an option on Techscore is added for athletes who do not identify as male or female. This will require modifying the message “to be eligible for Women’s regattas, you must enter female” to one that is more inclusive such as, “to be eligible for Women’s regattas, you must enter ‘female’ due to current system limitations. This may apply to female-identifying, non-binary or other individuals who comply with the ICSA’s policy for transgender and nonconforming athletes.”
4. There was conversation about the inclusion of “(but not both within the same competition year unless petition is approved by the board)” in Singlehanded competitions, and the potential to remove the Singlehanded portion from the proposal. From MCSA, the intent is agreed upon but there are further details to be discovered and created before officially implementing language. This would be referred to the Rules Committee for inclusion in the Procedural Rules or inserted into the bylaws - as has been done previously. There was a request that a TIDE representative stay on to consult with the Rules Committee and provide guidance, as this project has been ongoing for some time.
5. There was extensive conversation about other developing policies in other disciplines, situations in the sailing world, and legal considerations.
6. Mitch recommended approve this policy as a policy statement - rather than table the motion - to advance it as written below. TIDE will work with the Rules Committee to ensure their work reflects this policy.
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XV. Nominating Committee (Paiva)

A. Dillon Paiva, Anna Morrow, Blaine Pedlow, Ali Blumenthal, and Adam Warblow comprised the Committee. They worked with each conference to obtain appointments for each of the ICSA Standing Committees and names of Varsity Athletic Administrators, club Sports Directors, and Outside Directors to fill the diversity portfolio. Over the years, name submissions have tapered off to nearly zero, so the committee implores the Commissioners to really push this in conference.

B. Slate of Nominations

ICSA Board of Directors		
ICSA President	Greg Wilkinson	
ICSA Vice President	Chloe Beach	
ICSA Secretary	Paige Clark	
ICSA Treasurer	Tucker Blagden	
MAISA Graduate	Dan Thompson	
MAISA Undergraduate	Spencer Kriegstein	
MCSA Graduate	Libby Reeg	
MCSA Undergraduate	Nadia Reynolds	
NEISA Graduate	Frank Pizzo	
NEISA Undergraduate	Marbella Marlow	
PCCSC Graduate	Brad Schaupeter	
PCCSC Undergraduate	Anna Morrow	
SAISA Graduate	Dana Magliola	
SAISA Undergraduate	VP this year	
SEISA Graduate	Charles Higgins	
SEISA Undergraduate		
At Large 1	Amy Backus	OD
At Large 2	Joann Brislin	VAA - NEISA
At Large Undergraduate	Kip Buck	SAISA

ICSA Executive Committee		
ICSA President	Greg Wilkinson	
ICSA Vice President		
ICSA Secretary	Paige Clark	
ICSA Treasurer	Tucker Blagden	
At Large 1		OD
At Large 2	Greg Fisher	OD
At Large 3	Mike Callahan	VC
At Large 4	Chris Klevan	VC

All-America Selection		
MAISA	Isaac Clark	
MAISA	Dillon Paiva	
MCSA	Geoff Pedrick	
NEISA	Billy Healy	
NEISA	Rebecca McElvain	
PCCSC	Chris Klevan	
SAISA	Esteban Forrer	
SEISA		
Ex-Officio	ICSA President	

All-Academic Selection		
MAISA	Dan Thompson	
MCSA	Libby Reeg	
NEISA	Jeff Bresnahan	
PCCSC	Claire Hunt	
SAISA	Dana Magliola	
SEISA		
Ex-Officio	ICSA President	

Hall of Fame		
MAISA	Adam Werblow	
MCSA	Gail Turluck	
NEISA	Ken Legler	
PCCSC	Robert Capita	
SAISA	Dave Herbster	
SEISA		
Ex-Officio	ICSA President	

Eligibility		
MAISA	Ian Burman	
MCSA	George Griswold	
NEISA	Jeff Bresnehan	
PCCSC	Andy Johnson	
SAISA	Jon Faudree	
SEISA		
Ex-Officio	Mitch Brindley	

Rules		
MAISA	Bill Ward	
MCSA	Geoff Pedrick	
NEISA	John Mollicone	
PCCSC	John Fretwell	
SAISA	Ward Cromwell	
SEISA		
At Large	Bryan McDonald	OD - PCCSC
Ex-Officio	Mitch Brindley	

Scheduling		
MAISA	Dan Thompson	
MCSA	Samuel Bartel	
NEISA	Justin Assad	
PCCSC	Claire Dennis	
SAISA	Nick Johnstone	
SEISA		
Ex-Officio	Mitch Brindley	

President

Championships/Competition		
MAISA	Scott Ikle	
	Craig Mueller	
NEISA	Justin Assad	
	John Mollicone	
PCCSC	Chris Klevan	
	Tom Tucker	
SAISA	Allison Jolley	
	Nick Johnstone	
SEISA		
At Large	Gerrie Mahoney	VAA - NEISA
Ex-Officio	ICSA President	
Communications		
MAISA	Zach Runci	
MCSA	Courtney Kingsley	
NEISA	Cori Radtke	
PCCSC	Calli Genest	
SAISA	Ainsley Parramore	
SEISA		
At Large	Allison Chenard	
At Large	Ali Blumenthal	
Ex-Officio	ICSA President	

- C. Changes to the slate, as proposed by the Committee and included above - Ex-Officio should be listed as ICSA President, not Mitch Brindley, and the ICSA Treasurer is Tucker Blagden.
- D. The vote to approve the President and Treasurer is by the Board of Directors only and must occur by secret ballot. Should the Board not approve the slate, nominations can be taken from the room. For the roles however, there was only one name submitted for each position. There is one name to be added to the All-American Committee, which can be updated later. **The slate passed.**

- E. Standing Committee Chair Appointment Proposal: At the winter meeting, the nominating committee proposed the idea of the ICSA president appointing committee chairs. The idea was well received but the wording needed to be clarified.
 - 1. Article X Section 1: Standing Committees, after paragraph two, after the list of standing committees, add the following: "Standing committees shall have a chairperson responsible for committee operations. Following the appointment and election of Committee members, the ICSA President shall appoint a chairperson of each committee from the members of that committee."
 - F. Motion to accept the bylaw change (Mitch Brindley); seconded by Justin Assad (Joann Brislin's proxy). **Motion passed, 14 in favor / 0 opposed.**
 - G. The Nominating Committee is working to collect data on what year someone on a Standing Committee started to have a record.
- XVI. Interconference Regattas Committee /Scheduling Committee (Assad)
- A. Dan Thompson led the charge to establish interconference regatta scheduling guidelines to codify what is already happening and the policies Ann Campbell and Danielle Richards have put into place for scheduling. The guidelines are accessible [here](#).
 - B. The Scheduling Committee has worked on a number of items over the past year - in particular a way to document all scheduling policies/procedures. The report documents the ways berths become open and how they are filled as a result. Second teams is a PR change - even though we have been functionally adding second teams to Regional events, the Committee recommended the Rules Committee review/change the PR to accurately reflect the language. The ability to drop a lower ranked regatta for a higher ranked berth on the same weekend is new. The Committee recommends the Rules Committee rewrite PR21 for the Techscore era.
 - C. Communications - any team should first reach out to their Conference Scheduler (and can include the ICSA Scheduler) to help facilitate the process.
 - 1. All interconference add/drops should go to intersectionals@collegesailing.org from conference schedulers.
 - D. Preliminary Schedule will be presented at the Annual meeting with final changes no later than November 15th for the following calendar year.
 - 1. The preliminary schedule is up - waiting on some allocation changes for Navy Team races in the Spring which will be finalized by November 15th.
 - 2. Conference selection target time is December 15th to fill out the schedule.
 - 3. They spent a while trying to get the berths correct.
 - E. [Berths](#): Dan worked to define the different kinds of berths that have been functioning in practice but are not defined - which may not be perfect - but represent what we do and serve as a good conversation starting point to provide transparency.
 - 1. An Invite Berth is defined as: A berth to a specific regatta specified to be assigned by invitation.
 - a) While there may not be many invite berths left, it's important to note that they must first be offered out of conference. This works

better for fleet racing, but the process for team racing is a bit different. This still has the old rules to honor alternate lists that come through conferences/schedulers as an equity model to give everyone the first shot. On the invite list, it will go in order of requested invites based on conference drafts. This could lead to the conversation of are invite berths necessary and codify what exists.

2. An Open Berth is defined as: A berth for a specific Interconference event which is assigned to a specific conference but has not been filled by the specified conference.
 - a) Open berths - when a conference doesn't fill a berth.
 3. An Unclaimed Berth is defined as: a berth(s) to a specific interconference regatta that has not been filled as an Open or Invite Berth and their respective berth allocations.
 - a) This is mostly when a conference doesn't fill their allocated berth at a regatta.
 4. Side bar in the conversation - CSR regatta rankings and expanding the availability of CSR 1 regattas.
 5. Discussion ensued about unclaimed berths and the current structure where all conferences receive a berth. There are berths available, but not all are equal. With respect to second berths, there may be schools in a conference that would like that spot. The question is what does ICSA want? If there is an unclaimed spot at ODU, you have to go to the first alternate berth from NEISA before the PCCSC second alternate - where NEISA already has an allocation. There were concerns about the logistics involved in the system. All points conveyed were helpful - timeliness in the process is important and the Committee can work with it. The Committee recommendation is to leave it as is for now and see how it plays, and adjust if necessary.
- F. Section 11 to go into existing guidelines (Rule 5) has an error from when the wording was updated from the old to cross-regional/regional/fundamental. Withdrawals from an out-of-conference Interconference Regatta must be made according to the following schedule in order to avoid a no-show penalty. Cross Regional and Regional events have a 1-month drop deadline for all teams. Fundamental events have a two-week drop deadline. No-show penalties are outlined in ICSA PR 15:
1. *c) Failure to Attend – A college that fails to attend an out-of-conference interconference regatta regatta or National Championship for which it has been scheduled, attends with less than a full team of student-athletes, or departs before the end of the regatta without the consent of the Regatta Chair, shall not be permitted to schedule or compete in, any out-of-conference interconference regattas during the following spring season. i) A college that violates PR 15(c) for any Atlantic Coast Series event shall furthermore be banned from the corresponding Atlantic Coast Series the following year. ii) A college shall not be penalized under PR 15(c) if the college's Conference Commissioner and the ICSA Interconference Regatta Coordinator(s) are notified prior to the withdrawal deadline for the regatta. iii) A penalty given under PR 15(c) may be modified or*

removed for a compelling reason. Requests for modification shall be sent to the college's Conference Commissioner, who shall forward the request, with a recommendation for action, to the ICSA President, who shall make the final ruling.

- G. For ACCs/ACCs Alternate: there should be a policy and standard on host eligibility for the ACC alternate, as there have been previous situations where a host could not compete in the alternate.
- H. There is a working group looking at penalties for PR 15 (no show) and lessening the severity. There is not a proposed change, but the Committee is working on it.
- I. There should probably be an appendix in the Procedural Rules, have a link on the Scheduling tab on the website, and much of this should be taken to the Rules Committee.
- J. Motion to refer the Guidelines Proposal from the Scheduling Committee to the Rules Committee (Mitch Brindley); seconded (Charles Higgins). **Motion passed, 12 in favor / 0 opposed.**
- K. Dartmouth will not be able to host the Captain Hurst this fall.

XVII. Nationals Updates

- A. 2023 Spring Nationals
 - 1. Provided information on parking logistics, competitors' meetings, start times, and coach boat allocations.
- B. 2024 Singlehanded: 2nd week in November, boats to be chartered by ICSA.
- C. 2024 Match Race: Prepared to host and have 10 J22s which will not need to be chartered. It will be straightforward.
- D. 2024 Spring Nationals Dates, passed by the Board on May 22, 2023
 - 1. 4/25-27: Open Team Racing at MIT; 4/28-29: Women's Team Racing at Harvard; 5/20-21: Women's Semifinals at both; 5/22-23: Women's Finals at Harvard; 5/25-25: Open Semifinals at both; 5/26-27: Open Finals at MIT
 - 2. NEISA/hosts were asked to look at date options, with one team race on weekend 13/one on the more traditional weekend. The second option would be the open team race on Weekend 13 with Women's team racing to go in the first block of Nationals. NEISA supports either of the options and indicates who would be the host but both MIT/Harvard would support all events. Another factor was constraints caused by graduations/Charles River traffic. NEISA prepared a cost comparison with the caveat that all teams operate within different parameters. For teams that can drive to events, Team Racing weekend 13 is a bit less expensive and for teams that fly, a bit more expensive.
 - 3. Women can compete in both Team Racing events and as such, having both events on the same weekend is not conducive to this. If the team race events were back to back, it could create discipline focus. There were conversations expressing concerns about diminishing fleet racing as a consequence.
 - 4. Motion to accept the most favorable date as voted upon for the Nationals dates option one (consecutive on weekend 13) or option two (open team race weekend 13, women's in the traditional block) (Mitch Brindley);

seconded (Charles Higgins) **Motion carries with option one (consecutive on weekend 13)**

- a) There was a point raised that Team Racing could be blocked for 2 days, instead of 3 days - the Board can have the discussion about this at a later date with no intention to modify the number of teams at this point.

5. The idea is that the date be locked in after this. Mike O'Connor suggested reducing the traditional block to host semifinals in 1.5 days and finals in 1.5 days, which is certainly possible. This is the block - and reducing within the block is okay. Directive to see if it's possible to reduce the open team race and the 2 fleet races. This will go to the Competition Committee. We do not always have the option to do this every year - but there are a lot of boats available on the Charles River - which is an opportunity.

- E. Zim cannot guarantee 36 boats.

Old Business

- F. LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup/BUSA Tour

1. The team has been selected, there will be an ICSA event, MAISA/NEISA support, and will ask the US Sailing Foundation for support.

- G. Sailing World Rankings (Thompson)

1. Rankings in the fall so as to not duplicate Selection Committee work.

XVIII. New Business

- A. Brindley: Update ICSA's support for the Olympic pathway and development to include adding an exception to Appendix A that would allow Institutional support for athletes participation in Olympic Class regattas without incurring a weekend of competition.

1. There are limitations on how much support you can provide to Olympic athletes at your institution. Per our bylaws and mission, we should support our elite athletes in their development without fundamentally diminishing opportunities elsewhere. We are not doing enough to support Olympic Sailing as an organization. Programmatic support would go a long way to support their efforts to be able to compete at that level and institutional resources would be helpful to allow teams to do this without costing a weekend of competition. It feels important to place limitations on this to ensure it does not become a recruiting factor. We want to support this but there should be reasonable limitations. Would C3 have an issue with this? That is not known yet. Mitch would like to see some progress on this. It seems a lot of people are sympathetic to the concept, but it needs to be deliberate.

2. This would effectively change Appendix A with a rule to be produced for a vote.

3. There could be an Olympic Competition Committee working group

- B. Brindley: Change PR 12 to specifically allow for USOC administered Tuition Grants.

1. The USOC stopped offering tuition assistance waivers - then we banned them.

2. There has been a request to allow this, as right now the USOC administers tuition waivers and it only is an offer for the named team members on the national team that requires an essay, etc. for approximately \$3,000 which is not specifically on their sports performance. It is paid by USOC, which sends a check to the college to their tuition account.

C. Meeting Adjourned -