



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

2018 Annual Meeting

1100, Monday May 21, 2018

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate President Vir Menon from Christopher Newport University called the meeting to order at 1142 and welcomed the group to the Old Dominion University. He then turned the meeting over to ICSA President Mitch Brindley. Mitch welcomed the group and provided information about the meeting room and lunch.

II. **Roll Call** - Secretary Richards called the roll, the 17 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:	Vir Menon (MAISA Undergraduate)
Secretary:	Danielle Richards
Treasurer:	Sherri Campbell
MAISA Graduate:	Michael Callahan
MCSA Graduate:	Brian Tobelmann
MCSA Undergraduate:	Austin Haag
NEISA Graduate:	Justin Assad
NEISA Undergraduate:	Paige Clarke (proxy)
NWICSA Graduate:	Andrew Nelson
NWICSA Undergraduate:	Shaan Shridnar
PCCSC Graduate:	Blaine Pedlow
PCCSC Undergraduate:	Abe Dearden
SAISA Graduate:	Dana Magliola
SAISA Undergraduate:	Stephen VerHulst
SEISA Graduate:	Charles Higgins
SEISA Undergraduate:	Sophie Ricker

Bob Adam (Zim Sailing), Ian Burman (U.S. Naval Academy/Executive Committee), Grace Bloomfield (Tulane University), Brian Clancy (Cornell University), Isaac Clarke (University of Pennsylvania), Jon Faudree (Jacksonville University), Greg Fisher (College of Charleston/Executive Committee), Mitchell Hall (College of Charleston), Scott Ikle (Hobart & William Smith Colleges), Andrew Johnson (University of Hawaii), Chris Klevan (U.S. Coast Guard Academy), Zack Leonard (Yale University), Billy Martin (George Washington University), John Mollicone (Brown University), Maxwell Plarr (Christopher Newport University), Brad Schaupeter (University of California, Santa Barbara), Brian Swingly (U.S. Coast Guard Academy), Todd Turner (Collegiate Sports Associates), John Vandemoer (Stanford University), Adam Werblow (St. Mary's College of Maryland/LaserPerformance), Greg Wilkinson (Boston College/Executive Committee), Skip Whyte (University of Rhode Island).

III. **Additions to the Agenda** – There were no additions to the agenda from the floor.

IV. **Review & Approval of the January 13, 2018** – Danielle Richards presented the meeting minutes from the 2018 Winter Meeting. ***Michael Callahan moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and moved to accept them as presented, Brian Tobelmann seconded the motion and the motion passes.***

V. **President's Report** – Mitch Brindley provided a summary and update of sponsors. All of our title sponsors, Gill, LaserPerformance, and Sperry are good. Sperry is up for renewal this year and Mitch is working with them on that

renewal. Gill is ordering new mainsails to match their new logo so we will begin discussions with them on what to do with the old sails. US Sailing, Marlow, and Quantum are continuing on as trophy sponsors. Selden Spars is interested in coming in as a sponsor, this year they are just a local sponsor but we hope to bring them in going forward.

Mitch moved to exempt the US Sailing/Dave Perry Match Race Clinics from the Competition Weekend Count in Appendix A 1 b 9. Michael Callahan seconded. The motion passes.

Mitch presented the By-Laws proposal change from the Executive Committee. This is a change to Article VII: Board of Directors to add the three at large members as voting members of the ICSA Board at Board meetings. Danielle seconded the motion. Blaine Pedlow asked what the motivation was and Mitch explained that the members of the Executive Committee execute the daily business of the association. Sherri Campbell asked if they would be eligible for the honorarium that we currently extend to the other Board members. Mitch felt that they would. Justin Assad asked if they would be eligible for proxy votes if they could not make the meeting. Justin then felt that by not allowing them to vote it was a good separation of powers. Blaine asked if we could hold this vote until the NWICSA representatives arrived. **The vote was tabled until later in the agenda. The vote was held prior to the appointment of the Executive Committee and the motion failed.**

Mitch received no requests to waive the Interconference No Show Penalties for Army, Villanova, U British Columbia so they will be unable to travel out of conference in Spring 2019. Charles Higgins asked how MIT was able to sail in a regatta in SAISA with an outstanding No Show Penalty. Danielle explained that it was a two-conference event and as such was outside the rule. Her committee is looking into tightening up those restrictions.

Mitch introduced Todd Turner of Collegiate Sports Associates. CSA is the consulting firm retained by ICSA to review our governance procedures, championships, and ways to improve. Todd provided a short summary of his background as well as those of his associates. He explained that he will be spending some time with the Board and observing our Championships. Mitch explained that Sherri Campbell will be our liaison to the project but asked that all members of the association do their best to cooperate in any information requests or surveys that may be sent out.

Andy Johnson asked what our goals are for this project. Mitch explained that a regular topic over the past 10 years has been whether or not we are successfully governing ourselves, do our documents provide the governance that we need, should we continue to be volunteer run, do we need to restructure our revenue streams, should we join NCAA, etc. Adam Werblow added that this discussion has been going on since Michael Horn's tenure as President.

VI. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherri Campbell started off by explaining that the Executive Committee has decided that the funds to cover the fees for the consulting firm will be coming out of the investment account and will not affect our annual operating budget. She will be working with Todd and his team so any questions, comments, etc. should be directed to her.

Sherri then presented a proposal for a dues increase. The last time that the dues were increased was 2002 and that had been the first time since the 1970's. This was passed and approved just before her tenure started so she was not privy to the discussions then but since 2002 we have added a lot of value to our members; Techscore, new websites, increased media coverage, expanded championships, etc. Brian Tobelmann asked that since we currently run on a break-even budget what do we anticipate the extra \$10,000 going towards. Sherri explained that we are anticipating some transitions with Techscore in the next 6 months that will likely increase our annual expenditure there, we also need to start planning for our volunteers phasing out and possibly having to hire replacements. Brian then asked if there was a plan to have some ongoing dues increase plan after this and Sherri indicated that the Executive Committee felt that we should have gradual increases every 2-5 years however they are not prepared to present that at this time. Mitch added that this increase is just to bring our dues back to the value that they were in 2002 dollars. **There being no further discussion Danielle Richards moved to increase the dues effective January 1, 2020 to \$200 for Regular and Provisional members and \$100 for Associate members. Justin Assad seconded the motion. The motion passes.** Brian asked if we could bring a structured dues increase proposal to the winter meeting and Sherri indicated that the Executive Committee will have that discussion with our consultants and may wait until the 2019 AGM for the proposal. Mitch added that we have been lucky with our sponsorships in the past 15 years and with our dedicated volunteers like Sherri, as they have allowed us to expand our programs without having a dues increase.

VII. **Secretary's Report** – Danielle Richards thanked everyone for their help over the past year as her health has gone up and down. She then explained how the membership report works and added that we have been collecting additional data on team race, singlehanded, and match race participation. This information had been requested by the Championship/Competition Committee to review conference activity in those disciplines and does not currently affect berth allocations. Justin Assad asked what the rules were on adding new teams as it seems like many teams try to join in the spring and it seems like a waste to make them wait until the fall. Danielle explained that ICSA collects memberships as of February 15th and a team can only jump one membership category in a year. Conferences can approve a team at any time but they can still only advance in membership status once a membership year.

VIII. **Standing Committee Reports**

A. **Afterguard Committee** – No report was submitted.

B. **All-Academic Sailing Team** – No report was submitted. Mitch showed the new nomination process that is integrated with Techscore and allows nominations directly from an eligible sailor's profile page. It was also noted that the nomination period has been extended to June 15th to allow sailors to nominate after nationals. John Vandemoer explained that there is still a space on the form to write in events that won't show up on Techscore.

C. **All-America Selection Committee** – Ian Burman explained that last year the committee went back to announcing All Americans at the conclusion of the nationals during the awards ceremony and felt that was well received. They have already been meeting this year and plan to announce during trophies again.

D. **Championship /Competition Committee** – Michael Callahan started his report by going through the updates on the approved Championship bids.

Championship Updates

1. **2018 Spring Championship** – Mitch noted that we are here and ready. His team is doing final boat preparations today and thanked St. Mary's, CNU and Norfolk Yacht Club for their assistance with boats for the event.
2. **2018 Singlehanded Championship** – Brian Tobelmann explained that Chief Judge has been named, they are waiting to hear from Kyle Assad on his availability as PRO.
3. **2018 Match Race Championship** – John Vandemoer provided details for Balboa. Don Becker will be Chief Umpire and Gary Davidson is regatta chair. They host many match race events including the Governor's Cup so this is routine for them. There was a question about the boats and John explained that they will be sailing the Governor 22s.
4. **2019 Spring Championship** – A late proposal from NEISA was received to host at Sail Newport in Brown's Z420s and Connecticut College's FJs with all of NEISA helping out with various aspects of the event. Since the rotation is for the event to be in NEISA the Committee recommends this bid. John Mollicone added that the sailing will be similar to 2015 with activities out of Sail Newport/Fort Adams. NYIC will not be a co host so the second fleet will launch from the Sail Newport Docks.
5. **2019 Singlehanded Championship** – Brad Schaupter from UCSB provided details on their venue noting the ideal sailing conditions for laser sailing in Santa Barbara in November. The event will be held November 8-10, 2019. Boats will launch from the public ramp and then coaches/spectators will walk out to the sea wall to watch. It's a bit of a hike but good spectating. Santa Barbara Yacht Club will serve as co-host and shoreside operations point.
6. **2019 Match Race Championship** – This event will be hosted on weekend 8, November 1-3, 2019. This is early so Conferences are reminded to look closely at their qualifiers. There are no further updates.
7. **2020 Spring Championships** – The Committee has received two bids from SEISA for the event, one from Tulane and one from Texas A&M Galveston/Sea Scout Base. Tulane's bid is for sailing on Lake Pontchartrain in their fleet of Z420s and a second fleet to be provided by LP. They will be out of the new sailing facility and Southern Yacht Club. The Sea Scout/TAMUG bid is for sailing on the bayou in a fleet of 2007 Vanguard Boats and a fleet from Lakewood Yacht Club. Both fleets are older and not evenly matched. The Committee is not prepared to present a bid to the Board for approval. Justin asked if Tulane was locked into their dates, which are later, and Charles Higgins explained that they are due to existing conflicts at the Yacht Club.

Michael Callahan then went into the Committee report that was previously posted on the website. The Committee has been very active since January working on Exclusion Zones, Showcase No Show Penalties,

The Committee looked into creating a new system for determining exclusion zones for ICSA National Championships. The Committee felt that there was a gray area in deciding whom (host school or ICSA) should have the final say on determining the Exclusion zone. They propose the ICSA adopt the following language to the Procedural Rule 27:

Once a college has qualified for an ICSA National Championship, members of that college shall not sail at, or in the Exclusion Zone as declared by the ICSA Championship/Competition Committee, of the Championship site, nor shall they sail the actual boats to be used in the Championship, except when it is their college's home waters, and/or boats, or they are competing in a previously scheduled ICSA Regatta within the Exclusion Zone without the expressed consent of the ICSA President.

a) A college that breaks PR 27 shall be given a penalty as determined by the ICSA President using PR 33(c) as guidance.

The Committee will work on an internal process to help determine how to best set the exclusion zone for each championship. The goal of the exclusion zone is to make sure the competition for the National Championship remains fair and that no team can get an advantage by sailing close to the Championship site. There was considerable discussion about fairness and equal access in relation to the size of the Exclusion Zone.

The Committee was directed to look at the No Show Penalties for the ICSA Showcase events to see if there was something to do to make sure Teams did not no-show these important events. The committee came up with the following recommendation:

If a team no shows or drops within 2 weeks of the first or second Showcase event that team is banned from participating in any showcase events the following year. This is in addition to the normal ICSA No Show penalties.

The additional Showcase Penalties shall only apply to the series they were incurred meaning women's showcase penalties will apply only to women's showcase events and coed showcase penalties will apply only to coed showcase events.

The Committee will reevaluate next winter after the first events have happened and may recommend reallocating berths.

The Committee is still working on a new Fowle Formula with the DNC points removed. They hope to present the change to the Executive Committee prior to the start of the Fall Season.

The Committee recommends the creation of a new position within ICSA similar to the coordinators of the ICSA Chief Judge. The ICSA Chief Judge will serve as the main point of contact for all ICSA rules related questions. It will be a two-year appointed position and they will report to the ICSA President and Board. Responsibilities include:

- Review All ICSA Championship NORs, Conditions and Sailing Instructions Procedural Rules to ensure they are error free and in agreement with each other and Procedural Rules
- Sits on the ICSA Championship/ Competition Committee and ICSA Rules Committee.
- Assists with recruitment of Umpires for ICSA Championships
- Helps Develop Training Curriculum for ICSA Umpires and Judges
- Oversees the implementation and drafting of new or experimental rules

Michael Callahan noted that in putting together the list of equipment for the singlehanded nationals that our rules didn't always agree and this person would be able to go through all of those documents and make sure we don't have any conflicting rules. They would also advise in the drafting and implementation of new or experimental rules. Sherri asked if this would be a volunteer position and Michael Callahan indicated that it would be. Maybe ICSA and Gill could come together on a jacket for them.

The Committee responded to a request from the Board to develop an all inclusive list of equipment that a competitor may bring to the Singlehanded Nationals. The Committee recommends the following list of ILCA Class legal equipment be added to the conditions as acceptable equipment to bring. Mitch added that the supplier or a sponsor could dictate the use of some equipment in their conditions of charter that would modify this list.

Sheets and Systems (Must be class legal)

Mainsheet
Boom Vang System including lines and blocks
Outhaul lines and blocks (including shockcord)
Cunningham lines and blocks
Clew Tie Down
Mainsheet Block
Mainsheet Block Spring
Traveler Line and Blocks
Mast Retaining Line
Hiking Strap Line
Centerboard shockcord

Misc. (Where appropriate must be class legal i.e if the laser class has a rule about an item then competitors need to follow it)

Wind indicator
Electrical Tape
Packing Tape
Tiller
Tiller Extension
Tell Tales

The Committee had extensive discussion about methods to make the ICSA Team Race Nationals more competitive. These methods are presented for information only, not to be voted on or discussed. Conferences are asked to take this information back and have discussions at the Conference level. There were seven options presented and Michael Callahan quickly summarized each one for the group:

1. ICSA Team Race Regional Qualifiers
2. ICSA Team Race League
3. ICSA Team Race League plus Conference Champions
4. Selection Committee
5. Selection Committee along with Conference Champions
6. Selection Committee with Conference Champions with a minimum number of teams required at a Conference Championship
7. Move Team Race Nationals to Weekend 12

Justin asked what the timeline for a change would be and Michael Callahan responded that there is no timeline because there is no proposal.

The Committee presented a change to the seeding for the Spring Championships to remove the suggested allocation and just leave it in the hands of the Committee.

Mitch Brindley moved to accept the Championship/Competition Committee report and proposals. Danielle Richards seconded. The motion passes.

The Board took a short recess at 1309 and resumed at 1323 with all members previously record in attendance.

- E. **Communications and Website** – Chris Klevan summarized the work of the Communications Committee over the past season. He stated that the Committee’s goals are to create more content while maintaining quality and consistency throughout. The current outputs are weekly press releases that our published on our website as well as Scuttlebutt, Sail1Design and Sailing World. Ali Blumenthal is chairing a group of undergrads who are

posting to the various social media channels and they have a schedule so someone is in charge each week. Mitch thanked Chris and his Committee for their work.

- F. **Eligibility** – The Committee submitted an electronic report, Mitch summarized it for the Board.
- G. **Hall of Fame** – The Committee submitted an electronic report. Danielle read the winners for the Board.
James Rousmaniere Award: Kevin Coakley, Harvard
Lifetime Service Award: Gary Raymond Bodie, III, California Institute of Technology
Graham Hall Award: Mitchell Brindley, Old Dominion University
Outstanding Service by a Volunteer: Abby Reeg, Hope College
- H. **Interconference Regattas** – Danielle Richards presented the proposed changes for the 2018 Fall Schedule from Tulane:
Sugar Bowl @ Southern YC: Move to weekend 3 (Sept 22-23), Promotional, 5 invite berths and 3 divisions (2 divisions coed, 1 division women's).
She then presented the proposed changes for the 2019 Schedule:
Match Race Nationals @ Corinthian YC (): Move to weekend 8 (Nov 2-3)
Women's Team Race National Invitational @ Brown: Move to weekend 11
Thompson Trophy @ Connecticut College (FJ/Z420): 12 NE, 3 MAISA, 1 SAISA, 1 PCCSC, 1 MCSA
Friis @ Roger Williams University (FJ/Z420): 8 NE, 1PC, 1SA
SNETR @ Connecticut College (FJ/Z420): 8 NE, 1 PC, 1 SA
Wick @ Coast Guard (FJ/Z420)
St. Francis @ St. Francis YC (CFJ): move to weekend 10 (April 6-7)
Ian Burman requested that the two Navy Spring Regattas drop down to 18 berths and that those berths be taken from MAISA and NEISA.

Michael Callahan asked if the ICSA Women's Team Race National Invitational name created confusion. Adam Werblow noted that we have made a conscious change over the years to remove the word "Championship" from many regattas that were not a national level event. NEISA will drop ICSA from the name and remind participating teams that it is not a national championship.

Danielle reported that Texas A&M Galveston received a penalty for having multiple coed teams at their home interconference events. The Committee discussed this incident and presented TAMUG with 3 options; keep it as an interconference and follow the rules, make it a promotional event and have more flexibility while still keeping it on the schedule, or make it a 2 conference event with MCSA and set their own rules. TAMUG never responded so it currently remains on the schedule as an interconference regatta per the wish of SEISA.

Starting with the 2019 Schedule the Committee recommends adding two-conference regattas back to the schedule to facilitate scheduling and rules compliance between the conferences. These events would be billed at \$15/event and be subject to uniform scheduling rules including a 2 week drop deadline.

Charles Higgins asked if it was not a problem that many of the proposed schedule changes are host conferences taking away out of conference berths. Justin responded that NEISA has had a lot of discussion after watching teams come to their events and get 0 wins in a team race or finish in the bottom 3 at fleet race events. They would like to offer berths at their Conference majors for those teams to attend. Blaine noted that it is hard to get that information out for a club team with minimal institutional knowledge. Danielle will work with the MAISA and NEISA schedulers to identify those events and find an avenue to publicize them.

There has also been some discussion on the Committee about no show penalties and participation in non-contiguous conference regattas. The Committee is not ready to make a proposal at this time but it discussing making the no-show penalty apply to in-conference interconference regattas so it becomes a true penalty for all teams.

Mitch moved to accept the report as presented. Michael Callahan seconded the motion. The motion passes.

- I. **Procedural Rules** – No report was submitted from the Committee. Mitch has noted that now that we have gone to updates each season we are no longer sailing under rules that aren't published. He did add that the Chief Umpire brought up a question asking if we should take a different look at rule 14 and its application in team racing when it appears that the action was deliberate. He is going to ask the committee to discuss. The Chief Umpire also asked about the severity of a rule 42 penalty, particularly at the start and if we should go to a 1 turn penalty. It is too late to make any changes for this event but something worth discussing going forward.

IX. **Conference reports**

- A. **MAISA** – Michael Callahan reported that MAISA has over 50 teams. They had their first full season of the team racing league this spring and liked that. This fall they are going to work on refining their schedule to have teams racing closer to home in a smaller league type format.
- B. **MCSA** – Brian Tobelmann reported that they are continuing to grow with 2 new teams this year. They are putting an emphasis on team race events and participation to help grow it in the region. They had a problem this year with a very late ice out and had to move a Conference Championship at the last minute from Minnetonka to Madison due to ice. This fall they are starting their new fall qualifier series. Bayview and Grosse Point are interested in hosting the 2020 Match Race Nationals.
- C. **NEISA** – Paige Clark reported that at the Annual Meeting they had a developing team seminar afterwards that focused on development, alumni relations, recruiting and retaining sailors, and scheduling and team motivation. They have since set up a developing team forum on Facebook and a handbook. It is helpful because it is providing continuity with institutional knowledge. They have some new teams and some developing teams adding new benefits (summer programs, learn to sail, etc.). Justin Assad added that they have really tasked their undergraduate representatives to work with developing teams and reach out to them to find out what their challenges are and what they are facing. New capital improvements, Brown has a new boathouse, Middlebury has a new property on Lake Champlain, UVM has a new sailing center, UNE has new boats, Connecticut College and Bowdoin are both adding a second fleet of 18 boats. This brings NEISA to 9 teams with 2 fleets of 18+ boats. Women's team racing is growing in NEISA, they have 3 events and interest for more.
- D. **NWICSA** – Andrew Nelson reported that there are 8 active teams this season and they have had increased participation at their Conference Championships this year. They recently had Conference elections and are excited for their new leadership team. They are adding match race and women's event to their schedule.
- E. **PCCSC** – Blaine Pedlow reported that they had an exciting Spring Conference Championship in Hawaii where 2 teams that haven't sailed in a nationals in over 20 years qualified. Women's sailing continues to improve. Blaine would like to work with other conferences on ways to develop institutional memory within a team.
- F. **SAISA** – Stephen VerHulst reported that there are currently 22 active teams. There are new boats at 3 northern school venues. Miami is doing well and just expanded the lease at the community sailing center. They are trying to develop women's sailing and Allison Jolly/USF is taking the lead there. Dana Magiola thanked ICSA for their support in the lease renewal at the Miami Community Sailing Center.
- G. **SEISA** – Sophie Ricker reported that there are 11 active teams this year, they decided at their Conference meeting to make changes to the schedule to increase participation at all events. They are also looking to add more women's and team race events this year. The Executive Board is made up of all new people this year.

X. **Old Business**

- A. **Techscore** – Greg Wilkinson reported that Techscore has migrated to a new server which has made a noticeable improvement in speed. Dayan has completed making the entire project an open source project which should help us with future developments. Dayan has also indicated that he wants out by the end of the year. There will be no future developments until we have a new administrator but he will continue to troubleshoot through the year end. The Executive Committee will be working with him to create a job description and find a replacement.
- B. **LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup** – Charles Higgins indicated that a call for applications has been made and the team is now finalized. Since we are the defending champions there is no cost to ICSA. The team consists of

Augie Dale - Charleston, Hannah Steadman – Brown, Wade Waddell - Boston College, Rebecca McElvain – Dartmouth, Maxine De Havenon - Brown, and Riley Legault – George Washington. All members had to be a sophomore or junior so they could bring back their experience to their team and College Sailing as a whole.

- C. **State of Women’s Collegiate Sailing** – Andy Johnson discussed sailing becoming an NCAA emerging sport or a full NCAA sport and scholarships. He’s had discussions with administrators at his school about how this would work and its potential benefits to ICSA. Mitch responded that this is one of the reasons that we have gone with an outside consultant to provide recommendations for us because the individuals in the room are too close to the topic to provide an unbiased study on the topic.

Justin Assad then presented the result of the survey NEISA conducted on women’s team racing. There were approximately 100 responses from teams across the country (majority from MAISA, NEISA). He read feedback from individuals who felt it was a positive thing and negative. After his presentation Dana Magiola asked what the next steps are. We need to have resources available to increase access to team racing before we can expand into women’s team racing. There was considerable discussion on how to fit women’s team racing into an already packed schedule and the implications it will have on other events.

- D. **Grievance Reporting** – Mitch Brindley noted that the Executive Committee has been working on this since the Winter Meeting. He has reached out to US Sailing and has found that most of the sailing issues are already covered via the Sailing Rules and a rule 2/69 hearing and eligibility issues are handed by the eligibility committee. The Executive Committee is looking at how to handle issues that fall outside the racing rules and eligibility committee. Brian Tobelmann suggested that what we are probably more accurately looking for a sportsmanship/ethics committee and asked that we look to form that committee and have them develop an ethics statement that our sailors and coaches agree to. Mitch indicated that the Executive Committee will continue to work on this but are looking at a committee made up of members of the Executive Committee and someone familiar with college sailing but outside of the organization (not an active coach, administrator, or board member).
- E. **Sailing World Rankings** – Justin Assad indicated that there is no current update.

XI. **New Business**

- A. **Discussion on the use of Drones at regattas**– Mitch Brindley reminded everyone of the drone policy for this event. Due to the lower barrier to entry and the ease of operation has made them very popular with teams to the point that we are seeing multiple drones at regattas. He indicated that we probably need to set a formal policy to manage the use of drones at events. Blaine Pedlow suggested that we require everyone to share footage at events so not everyone feels the need to bring their drone. Vir Menon added that we need to consider safety because as the number of drones at a venue increases the potential for collisions increases due to the low visibility of the drone in relation to others. Mitch reminded the group that there was a time at these meetings when we were discussing banning the use of cell phones at regattas and rarely is the outright ban of technology a good thing. Mitch asked schools that have policies on drone use send them to the Executive Committee and that committee will further review. They will look at limitations, a mechanism for sharing footage, and requirements for liability. Ian asked for a show of hands as to how many drones per race is too many and the group felt it should be 1 per race and that burden should not be on the regatta management.
- B. **Dinghy Nationals Berth Allocation Change** – Charles Higgins explained that from the SEISA point of view that the current berth allocations don’t actively reflect the activity at the Conference Championship level. No one has 18 women’s teams at their conference championship yet several conferences report significantly more women’s teams on their membership report. Brian Tobelmann pointed out that in MCSA they don’t have many venues with 16 or 18 boats and how would this affect their berth allocations. Charles had a conversation with the PCCSC about this and felt that their elimination process would be counted, what they are trying to do is stop the counting of teams who only sail 1 event. Michael Callahan felt that this was a step backwards because teams would have to wait until all conference championships were completed to see who would qualify for nationals. Discussion ensued as to how this would affect teams and conferences and why we would want to make this change. **Mitch asked for a second on the motion. Sophia Ricker seconded the motion. Justin Assad asked for a clarification on the proposal. Charles Higgins re read the proposal. The motion fails.**

C. **Change PR 13 to allow unlimited crew changes at any fleet race regatta in Dinghies – John Vandemoer presented a proposal to make fleet racing more like team racing where there are unlimited switches allowed for crews. Blaine Pedlow seconded the motion.** It will help teams reduce the number of sailors they bring to an event. There was concern about schools only bringing 3 sailors to an event and allowing a single crew to sail the whole event. Blaine relayed that when the PCCSC discussed this they felt there would need to be a requirement for a school to bring 2 sailors per division at a minimum. Ian Burman liked it if the rule was modified to prohibit a sailor from sailing the same race in both divisions. There was concern about this eroding the unique team structure that ICSA has built. **John asked to table the proposal so he can work with the conferences to refine the language.**

D. **Team Race Nationals Proposal –** John Vandemoer noted that his proposal is already in the Championship Committee report but he felt we needed to have a larger discussion about having an 11 day championship and what it does to the players. It is also a large burden on a host. There are many venues where it is better to have fleet racing or team racing but not both. Pulling out the Team Race event addresses these concerns. He is not moving this as a vote but asks that conferences have frank discussions about the format of the nationals.

XII. **Report of the Nominating Committee –**Vir Menon reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. They had met electronically and proposed the following slate:

President: Mitchell Brindley

Vice President: MCSA Undergraduate

Treasurer: Sherri Campbell

Secretary: Danielle Richards

Member at Large: Ian Burman

Member at Large: Greg Fisher

Member at Large: Greg Wilkinson

There were no further nominations from the floor. Brian Tobelmann seconded the proposal. The seven members nominated were unanimously elected.

XIII. **Adjournment –** The Meeting was adjourned at 1618 by Vir Menon. The ICSA Winter Meeting will be at 0900 January 12, 2019 at the Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter in Park City, Utah.

Respectfully submitted,



Danielle M. Richards
ICSA Graduate Secretary