



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.
2018 Winter Meeting
0900, Saturday January 13, 2018
Park City, Utah

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate President Vir Menon from Christopher Newport University called the meeting to order at 0906 and welcomed the group to Utah. He then turned the meeting over to ICSA President Mitch Brindley.
- II. **Roll Call** - Secretary Richards called the roll, the 16 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
Secretary:	Danielle Richards
Treasurer:	Sherri Campbell
MAISA Graduate:	Michael Callahan
MCSA Graduate:	Brian Tobelmann
MCSA Undergraduate:	Drew Blackburn
NEISA Graduate:	Justin Assad
NEISA Undergraduate:	Kevin Coakley
NWICSA Undergraduate:	Michael Levy
PCCSC Graduate:	Brad Schaupteter
PCCSC Undergraduate:	Grace Carrick
SAISA Graduate:	Mitchell Hall
SAISA Undergraduate:	Stephen VerHulst
SEISA Graduate:	Charles Higgins (Proxy)
SEISA Undergraduate:	Malcolm Kriegel

Bob Adam (Zim Sailing), Ian Burman (U.S. Naval Academy/Executive Committee), Tyler Colvin (Old Dominion University), Howard Cromwell (College of Charleston), Clinton Hayes (Stanford University), Chris Klevan (U.S. Coast Guard Academy), Matt Lindblad (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), John Mollicone (Brown University), Frank Pizzo (Bowdoin College), David Thompson (Dartmouth College), John Vandemoer (Stanford University), Adam Werblow (St. Mary's College of Maryland/LaserPerformance).
- III. **Additions to the Agenda** – There were no additions to the agenda from the floor.
- IV. **Review & Approval of the May 22, 2017** – Danielle Richards presented the meeting minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting. ***Justin Assad moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and moved to accept them as presented, Sherri Campbell seconded the motion and the motion passes.***
- V. **President's Report** – Mitch Brindley noted it was a different Summer/Fall while Danielle was down in the hospital and thanked the leaders who stepped up to fill in the gaps, especially Frank Pizzo who took over the fall scheduling. College Sailing is healthy as a whole. All of our sponsor relations are still strong and we don't anticipate any negative changes in 2018. Gill North America has been sold to Gill International but they are still excited to be involved in College Sailing. There was an Executive Committee conference call last month. The Committee recommended to pursue an outside consultant to review our governance and provide guidance going forward. Mitch is working on an RFP to present to a firm. A question was asked as to why this was needed and Mitch explained that we have changed very little in the past 40 years and as more schools are investing large sums of money into College Sailing we need to make sure that we are

able keep up. The Committee also discussed initiating a dues increase at the Annual Meeting in May. There has only been 1 dues increase in 40 years and that was in 2003. They will continue to refine that and present a plan in May. ***The Executive Committee moves to increase the Interconference Regatta Fee at the Showcase events to \$50 to cover the deficit anticipated by the loss of the fall events. Danielle seconded the motion and the motion passes.*** There was also discussion about the no-show penalties at the Showcase events. There was concern that teams would drop if they did not make the championship round and interconference teams would not be penalized for these drops. There was discussion about applying the National Championship no show penalty if a team drops after the qualifier. Brian Toblemann was concerned for a conference with only 1 berth this would drop them to zero berths and unfairly penalize future teams. Mitch recommended that the Championship Committee work on this and provide a recommendation for approval in May.

- VI. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherri Campbell noted that the 2018 proposed budget and Treasurers report have been posted on the website. One of the items that needed to be addressed was the change of the fee for the showcase events which was just addressed. The investment account has been climbing steadily which is great. We may use some of the investment funds to cover the fees needed to pay for a consultant. The budget committee will be working this spring to review dues going forward. The anomaly in 2017 was the BUSA tour which is an every 4 year expense and makes four years look bad but we do budget for that. She reminded the group that anytime anyone has any questions to please send her an email and she is happy to explain.

Stephen VerHulst asked what the media coverage line item covers. Mitch explained that it covers the press releases that we send out during the year and the remainder covers our portion of the live coverage at the Spring Nationals. We cover the live coverage of the Coed Championship and LaserPerformance covers Women's and Team Racing. Stephen asked if we can step up our social media coverage year-round. Mitch noted that Danielle has historically been our primary poster and from the day she went down in Charleston that posting stopped. We would like to task the Communications Committee to cover more of these post and get more representation from the Conferences. John Vandemoer asked about the media stats from Nationals. Mitch noted that this would be covered in the Communications Committee Report.

Kevin Coakley asked why the sponsorship amounts are not broken down for 2018. Sherri noted that she has not received 2018 contracts from Mitch so she estimated a number but doesn't anticipate any changes. ***Mitch moved to accept the Treasurers Report and Budget. Justin Assad seconded the motion and the motion passes.***

- VII. **Secretary's Report** – Danielle reminded the Conference Commissioners that the 2018 Membership Reports are due February 15. She can provide a copy of last year's report to any Conference that needs it. Danielle thanked Mitch and all ICSA for the help this past summer/fall while she was laid up in the hospital. All American/All Academic certificates are sitting on a table in the corner and teams are requested to take theirs home. Anything left needs to be taken home by the Commissioners.

VIII. **Standing Committee Reports**

- A. **All-Academic Sailing Team** – Matt Lindblad noted that there were 229 recipients for 2017. He is going to discuss with Dayan about incorporating the nomination into Techscore. It may or may not be beneficial but the committee would like to explore it. John Mollicone asked if the nomination deadline could be after Nationals so teams don't have to worry about it during qualifiers, graduation and nationals. Ian Burman asked if it could be earlier to allow for the announcement during the school year. Mitch noted that making it earlier might make it harder for sailors to reach the minimum number of events. Matt explained the basic criteria for the award and noted that the Committee would review these suggestions.
- B. **All-America Selection Committee** – Ian Burman explained that the big change in 2017 was moving the announcement back to the award ceremony at the nationals. The Committee felt this was a good change and would like to continue doing this. They also added Honorable Mention Crews. They are currently looking at potentially adding a Crew of the Year. The concern is that the criteria might restrict this award so the best crew does not win. They will provide a recommendation at the Annual Meeting.
- C. **Championship /Competition Committee** – Michael Callahan reviewed the discussion from the Committee's conference call in December. There was a lot of discussion about the singlehanded nationals and the use of

ICSA's Rule 42 at that event. They did set a date certain of October 15 and April 15 for courses and documents to be approved and posted so there are no surprises. The Committee will also be making a detailed list of all things that a singlehanded sailor may bring to the event so there are no questions. Suggestions should be sent to the Mike for review by the committee. Ian Burman asked that we specify that changed equipment must still be class legal. There was also discussion about breakdowns of brought equipment. There was no consensus at the call. The Committee has asked LaserPerformance to provide us the specifics of the provided boats by this spring so teams can order the equipment in time for fall qualifiers. The Committee's intention is to have all equipment information, both what is provided and what may be brought/changed, finalized before the Annual Meeting.

The Committee also recommends that Techscore be updated with a more functional notice board capability so Race Committees can easily post what protests were filed when they enter results so teams know when the results go up who is being protested.

There was a long discussion about when to abandon a race at a national championship. Mike noted that he was the rep at the Singlehanded in Florida and was in consultation with the PRO often about when to cancel. Our rules essentially put the decision in the PRO/ICSA Rep's hands. The committee was discussing if there should be more firm rules to take the subjectivity out. John Vandemoer asked Sherri Campbell if the Laser class had firm rules and she noted that they had recommendations but no firm rules. Danielle Richards noted she has been the rep at the majority of the Nationals in the past 10 years and feels that the subjectivity is good because there are a variety of factors going into that decision and that's what our Rep's are there for.

With the increasing availability of 2 fleet venues there has been interest in experimenting with different mark change rules. The Committee will come up with recommendations for testing in the fall, likely at the Showcase events but does not recommend this be implemented at Nationals at this time.

The Committee would like to explore having umpired fleet racing at championship events. They understand the staffing difficulties this would present during the mid week spring Nationals but think the value of not having protests would be worth it. They will look at testing this during the Showcase events in the fall.

The Committee recommends ICSA appoint a Chief Judge who would sit on the Rules and Championships Committees. They would be responsible for liaising with the championship hosts on race documents and appointment of umpires/judges. This would be a four year term.

They will be looking at conference competition and seeing how Conferences are setting up their schedule and the effect on a team's ability to participate in events that prepare them for Nationals. Specifically they will be looking at team racing in smaller Conferences and the berth allocations for the Team Race Nationals. There will be no recommendations for the Annual Meeting but the Committee is aware of the problems and concerns. Considerable discussion ensued over the timeline and process. Mitch noted that until the Conference and interconference schedules are changed to provide more team racing opportunities (and soon women's team racing opportunities) we cannot restrict these small conferences from the Nationals. The Committee also feels strongly that even if designated berths were taken away there would be a way for those conferences to sail in and re-earn that berth.

The Committee would like to ask the Board to direct the Procedural Rules Committee to make the following changes:

ICSA PR17c (ICSA Rep) – we would like the National Championships to be added to this rule. “At Interconference Regatta and National Championship Regattas”

We would like the Rules Committee to come up with wording to allow re-sail races to be sailed after the prescribed time limit. We recommend the wording used for Sail-offs in ICSA PR Section C be adopted for this. An example is below.

if conditions permit re-sails may occur after prescribed sailing hours if necessary. Races sailed from an incomplete round robin or series, where the re-sail teams met, shall be used as re-sail races.

Discussion ensued over how this time limit change would affect the event. Mitch noted that this change can be implemented this spring in the February 15th Procedural Rules update. **Mitch Brindley moved to send those items to the Procedural Rules Committee. Danielle Richards seconded the motion, the motion passes.**

The Committee also recommends that the board change the Fowle Trophy Points to make the Coed and Women's Dinghy Nationals the same points and value. **Mitch Brindley moved to accept this change for the 2017-2018 Championship Season. John Vandemoer asked who would be responsible for the change and updating the documents. Mitch noted that Alden Reid has traditionally managed this and he will ask them to do it with the February 15th updates. Danielle seconded the motion, the motion passes.**

The Committee also recommends that the 2019 Singlehanded Nationals be held at UC Santa Barbara. Dates are pending since we do not have a match racing bid for 2019. The Championships Committee will work with the two fall hosts on dates. **Mitch Brindley moved to accept the bid, Danielle Richards seconded the motion, the motion passes.**

Championship Updates

1. **2017 Spring Championship** – Charleston did a great job hosting. Mitch Hall and Ward Cromwell noted that Greg Fisher did the majority of the work and they were unsure if he would be interested in bidding again soon.
2. **2017 Singlehanded Championship** – No one from USF was present, it was noted that the hosts did a great job and the other racing/rules related issues were previously discussed. The Committee recommends that going forward we (ICSA) pay for people to pack up those boats so sailors can enjoy the trophy ceremony and get to the airport.
3. **2017 Match Race Championship** – Another great event, Charleston thanked Ryan Davidson for his assistance as PRO for the event.
4. **2018 Spring Championship** – Mitch Brindley and Tyler Colvin noted that they are on schedule. Mitch has just received hotel blocks and will post on the site. They plan to have a VIP/Parents tent with food and alcohol for purchase. This will be a pay to access area. Discussion ensued over what access sailors would have to it. It is recommended that any sailor who will could put on a pinnie (is on the event roster) cannot have access to it but team members who will not sail and are there to support (and are of age) can have access. There was discussion about separating the competitor's areas from the spectator areas. Mitch explained that the Sailing Center side of the property will be for teams and there will be signage and fencing to separate the areas.
5. **2018 Singlehanded Championship** – Brian Toblemann noted that there are no changes from the previously submitted bid. It will likely be cold and the racing venue is dependent on weather conditions and cannot be defined at this time any more than it is in the bid.
6. **2018 Match Race Championship** – Danielle Richards noted that Balboa Yacht Club is very excited to host. They will provide the Governor 22's that were just built last year for the Youth Match Racing Worlds. Don Becker is in charge of officials and will work with Mitch on approving that team.
7. **2019 Spring Championship** – John Mollicone presented a proposal from Brown to host the event at Sail Newport using their boats and a fleet to be provided by LaserPerformance. Racing will look as it did in 2015 except that New York Yacht Club will not be a host/involved. Sail Newport has a new building with bathrooms and showers that teams can use and the second fleet will launch from their docks.
8. **2019 Singlehanded Championship** – Brad Schaupter from UCSB noted that Santa Barbara should be a great venue for this event with ample viewing from the seawall and yacht club. November typically has good breeze and mild weather. There is a small airport in Santa Barbara but most teams should plan to fly into LAX and drive. He will work with SBYC and the Championship Committee on dates.
9. **2019 Match Race Championship** – Matt Lindblad presented a bid from MIT and Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead to host the event in Sonars. Greg Wilkinson is the Race Director at Eastern Yacht Club and NEISA has held their qualifiers at the venue in the past. The club owns matching team race sails and will buy spinnakers for the event. **Mike Callahan moved to accept the bid. Justin Assad seconded the motion, the motion passes.**

The Board took a short recess at 1049 and resumed at 1108 with all members previously record in attendance.

- D. **Communications and Website** – Mitch Brindley started the report by sharing the metrics report from the 2017 Nationals in Charleston. Justin asked if we had any idea what these numbers mean and the general consensus

was no. Justin Assad explained how NEISA has assigned an undergraduate to manage their social media accounts and make sure there were regular postings. Mitch noted that all Conferences were asked to find at least 1 undergrad and 1 graduate to do this and work with the Communications Committee to make sure things were also being posted to the ICSA accounts. Chris Klevan explained that he has now been on the Communications Committee and Chair of said Committee for one year. He has been primarily focused on making sure there is a press release each week during the season summarizing the previous weekend's events. Chris admitted he is not strong on social media and asked for more help from the group and committee on managing those accounts. Tyler Colvin noted that consistent posts help drive up our algorithm numbers and asking teams to do account take overs during the year would help. A question was asked how ICSA can help Conferences with their media and communications. Mitch explained that all but three conferences have moved to the ICSA template websites (SAISA, SEISA and MCSA but MCSA will be live soon on the new platform). ICSA is willing to help with the expenses to make the transition and the webmaster, Jared Wohlgemuth, is very assistive with the build. ICSA wants all of the conferences on this platform so information is shared and consistent. It allows for news items to be shared to the ICSA home page to help keep your Conferences content in the spotlight. Mitch and Sherri will send out the financial details to SAISA and SEISA.

- E. **Afterguard Committee** – Gail Turluck submitted a written report. She asks that the 2018 hosts plan an Afterguard Championship and encourages all Conferences and teams to host events and share those details/results to the Alumni, ICSA and respective Conference list, especially if they are open to any college sailors in the area. The Championship event has been hard for the host school to host and no one has been interested in sticking around to sail it. She also asks for each Conference to name a representative to the Committee by March 1.
- F. **Eligibility** – Michael Callahan reported on behalf of George Griswold (who submitted a written report). College Sailing did not have a mechanism to grant eligibility beyond the defined time even if the Committee felt the request was valid. To remedy this the Committee has developed a hardship waiver which will become part of the Procedural Rules. The Committee feels it is very restrictive and has a high bar which should prevent abuse. This wavier has been sent to the Procedural Rules Committee but has not been implemented. ***Mitch Brindley moved to implement this into the Procedural Rules. Michael Callahan seconded, the motion passes.*** Adam had a question about a specific case and Mike explained that they were waiting for the approval of the hardship waiver before making a ruling.
- G. **Hall of Fame** – A written report was provided by Gail ahead of the meeting. There were no questions from the Board. Mitch reminded the Conferences that they need to work on submitting nominations and he will work with the Committee to make sure that they have at least one conference call before announcing the recipients.
- H. **Interconference Regattas** – Danielle Richards reported that there were no changes to the schedule to approve. There were three No Show's from the fall from NEISA, and there is no recommendation from the Committee or NEISA to waive the penalty. Those teams will not be allowed to travel this spring.
- I. **Procedural Rules** – Bryan McDonald was not present, and no report was submitted. Several items from this meeting will be sent to the Committee with a February 15th deadline to publish the updated Procedural Rules.

IX. **Conference reports**

- A. **MAISA** – Michael Callahan reports that MAISA is doing very well. Their Membership has remained steady with Gannon rising from associate to provisional member. Financially they are sound. They recently drafted our 2018 Spring and Fall schedule which is incorporating our team race league and our new systems for qualifying for conference championships. The response from all of the teams has been overwhelmingly positive and they hope the changes they have made will make competition better for all teams in MAISA.
- B. **MCSA** – Brian Toblemann reports that Wisconsin has 18 new E420s from Zim. MCSA is excited to launch their new website on the ICSA platform next week. They have also developed a new schedule/draft system by going to a developer who does other draft programs and they are quite happy with the results. The Conference is trying to increase women's participation by forcing teams participating in the fall championships to have a female drive half of the races at the event. Brian is working to switch the focus from adding new teams to developing and strengthening the teams they already have. They will be modifying the schedule to facilitate

this. MCSA is interested in bidding for the 2020 Nationals, likely at Wisconsin. Wisconsin is building a new dock structure which will make hosting the event much better.

- C. **NEISA** – Kevin Coakley reported that NEISA has had a great year. There are new fleets at Brown and Conn and a new fleet coming to the University of New England. They hosted a developing Team Symposium with 40 people and 15 teams in attendance. They have found this to be very beneficial and to continue to support this initiative they have a developing team handbook that is about 70 pages to help those teams the rest of the year. They have been doing a study on the 3 race minimum rule and found that 4 races creates much greater predictive validity. They recommend ICSA consider this in the future and NEISA will likely implement this in the fall. Justin Assad thanked Kevin for his leadership to the Conference. He also added that they are looking at ways to facilitate discussion among student leaders in the conference and asked for help. The NWICSA noted that they have a group chat in Facebook with all team leaders and the Conference Graduate leaders. Justin asked if there are grants for new/developing teams. Sherri noted that ICSA will reimburse all membership fees for first year teams. This also applies to teams coming back who have been inactive for a long time. Sherri explained that this covers all membership/initiation fees for the first year but the team needs to pay first. Justin added that they are excited to host the 2019 Nationals but they have many venues with 2 fleets but those teams have the wrong fleet (non LaserPerformance boats) and many of those teams wanted to host but could not due to the LaserPerformance contract.
- D. **NWICSA** – Michael Levy reported that Andrew Nelson sends his regrets for not attending but has a newborn at home and could not travel at this time. He has been listening on the phone. The Conference has been doing a lot of match race events and development clinics with Dave Perry and they are excited with how those are working. They are adding team race events to the spring schedule and will try to head to the PCCSC more to participate in their team race events. The exponential growth of high school sailing in the area has helped the NWICSA teams grow, particularly in the development of women's teams. There has been an influx of freshman this past fall and the hope is that this will help the teams grow.
- E. **PCCSC** – Grace Carrick reports that there are more team racing events on the schedule this Spring (five total). The women's teams have become more competitive. There are a couple of new teams that joined the Conference in the fall. A database has been set up of volunteer and part time coaches to help teams.
- F. **SAISA** – Stephen VerHulst reports that SAISA has been working to bring teams together by hosting clinics. They are working hard to close the gap between the big guys (Charleston, USF, etc) and the small teams (UF, New College) by building teams and helping with coaching. Mitch Hall added that it was a busy year hosting 2 nationals. He also added that Allison Jolly has been dealing with health problems but is hopefully on the mend and is excited for the Spring. They have had inquiries from new teams and look forward to getting them involved.
- G. **SEISA** – Malcom Kriegel reports that on average regattas have been hosting 15 boats in the fall which is an increase over previous years. Tulane has gone varsity and hired Charles Higgins to be a full time coach. Community Sailing New Orleans is building a new facility that will be shared with Tulane and they will have 18 new Z420's starting August 1. Teams are bringing in new sailors and dormant teams have made a resurgence.

X. **Old Business**

- A. **BUSA Tour/LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup** - Charles Higgins led the 2017 BUSA Tour/LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup. This year had a very different format condensing the traditional 3 week itinerary to a 10 day schedule with lots of racing and little downtime. Charles went to England in May for the Wilson Trophy to meet with the BUSA representatives and express our concerns and desires for the event. He also informed them that we felt the exclusion of crews was detrimental to the event.

We sent 8 sailors, 5 men and 3 women. Some were dedicated crews, some could skipper or crew and the skippers represented a variety of skills (match, fleet, and team racing).

The team participated in the traditional tour events and then Charles was also able to get them into some events at Cowes and a dinner at the Royal Yacht Squadron.

The group then went to Italy to participate in the LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup. We probably sent an over qualified team as they went undefeated and handedly won the event. The LPCC is a good event but ICSA should look at sending a more mid level team in the future so those sailors can have an opportunity to sail overseas. By winning LaserPerformance will be sponsoring the 2018 ICSA team.

Kevin Coakley asked about the value of the expense to ICSA. ICSA spends about \$16,000 to send 9 people on a European racing tour and could that money be better spent internally. Mitch Brindley noted that our By Laws/Mission Statement reference international competition and of all the events available to us this is the cheapest option due to the long history, no entry fees, and expense help from US Sailing. Charles Higgins added that the LPCC added a large expense and the BUSA Tour could have been done much cheaper without the LPCC component but bundling them together made the most sense for 2017. John Vandemoer reinforced Kevin's question about what the benefit is to ICSA apart from ticking a box in our Mission Statement. Mitch reiterated the international experience and maintaining our relationship with BUSA. We also are showcasing College Sailing to other countries, this is something that LP values enough to lobby to World Sailing on our behalf. Sherri Campbell added that the average cost to ICSA is \$15,000 for just the BUSA portion so doing both for \$16,000 was a deal.

The Board will continue to review the important and value of these events while looking for outside support.

The Board recessed for Lunch at 1230 and resumed at 1323 with all members previously record in attendance.

- B. **State of Women's Collegiate Sailing** – Mitch Brindley noted there is no official report or action items but it was a topic during the week. Justin Assad summarized the discussion. ICSA is not in a bad place but we need to make sure we are prioritizing Women's Championships at the same level as Coed Championships and ensure that women sailors are not being pigeonholed into crew positions. Women's team racing is growing and NEISA will be hosting a Women's Team Racing National Invitational this spring. Tyler Colvin added that we need to add more levels of women's regattas and give more access to those events. Right now there are only a few events so the skill levels are all over the place. More events, potentially sailed as a combined division events, could allow for more equal skill levels.

At this time New Business item C was addressed. Justin explained that MIT will be hosting with up to 16 teams. NEISA will take 10 berths and would like to see what the interest is for the remaining 6 berths. Interested teams should contact the schedulers as soon as possible. It is difficult to try and add this to the schedule so late and the weekend is not the most desirable so they will look to move it in the future but Conferences should look to start adding their own women's team race events in 2019.

Stephen VerHulst asked what else Conferences can do to boost Women's Sailing. Brian Toblemann pointed out the MCSA is picking events where half of the races have to be sailed by a Women's skipper. PCCSC allows schools to send a 2nd team provided it is a Women's team to regattas where normally the school would only be allowed one team.

- C. **PR Change to allow Grad Students** – Brian Toblemann noted that nothing has changed since the Spring Meeting when the Board asked to table this to allow Conferences to discuss this internally. **Brian moved the motion again, Charles Higgins seconded the motion.** Discussion ensued. Michael Callahan explained why this has failed in the past and how this affects schools, particularly Division 3 schools. Division 3 schools do not allow graduate transfers. He explained that one of the things we do well is only allow undergraduate competition. This makes us attractive to many athletic departments and allows a school like St. Mary's to compete on equal footing with Georgetown. The big schools with large graduate programs can exploit this change to their advantage and create very powerful teams. Charles Higgins agreed with Mike on the transfer portion of the proposal but he felt that sailors continuing on at the school they did undergrad education at should be allowed to sail. Kevin Coakley noted that NEISA had significant discussion at their Annual Meeting and during a straw poll it was unanimous to vote against this.

There was some interest in approving if students were not allowed to transfer so Brian modified his motion to remove the transfer portion of the proposal. The motion now reads as:

ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES [See also PR Appendix A]

- a) **Academic Status – To be eligible to represent a college in competition, a student athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies at the college they represent, except as provided in PR 12(b), 12(d), & 14(c).**
- b) **Final Term Exception – An eligible student-athlete in his or her last term prior to graduating, who is enrolled in less than a full-time set of courses but is carrying all the classes necessary for graduation at the end of that term, may compete. This exception shall be allowed only once per sailor.**
- c) **Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Limit**
 - i. **A student-athlete’s eligibility begins when that student-athlete initially registers in a regular term at an academic institution for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the academic institution, and attends the first day of class for said term.**
- d) **Eligibility after Graduation – No student-athlete shall represent a college after receiving a bachelor’s degree from any college, except that a student-athlete**
 - ii. **who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a bachelor’s degree, and is currently taking course work per PR 12(a), will remain eligible for any remaining competition seasons until the end of their five year limit per PR 12(c).**

Discussion continued over the ways the large schools could exploit this change particularly in regards to sailors staying on and the finances involved. **Danielle Richards called the vote, there was a question to clarify how the current motion reads. Danielle highlighted the motion on the screen. The motion failed.**

XI. New Business

- A. **By Law Change regarding Undergraduate Vice President – Mitch Brindley noted that this proposal had been discussed and circulated among the Executive Committee and is meant to adjust the imbalance created by the change of the Spring Championship host rotation. He moved to accept the change to ICSA By Law Article VIII, Section 1 B from:**

B. VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice-President of the Association shall be the Undergraduate Director from the conference in which the next Inter-Collegiate Coed Dinghy National Championship is scheduled and shall assist in the arrangements for the spring National Championships. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and shall serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

To

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice-President of the Association shall be the Undergraduate Director from the select conference in order of the following rotation schedule: MCSA, SEISA, NEISA, NWICSA, PCCSC, SAISA, MAISA. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors, shall serve as a liaison for the undergraduate members of the Board of Directors, and shall serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Danielle Richards seconded the motion, there was no discussion. The motion passes. The rotation starts with MAISA in 2018, MCSA in 2019, etc.

- B. **By Law Change from NEISA – Justin Assad explained that the previous discussion about graduate students highlights the need for this change and NEISA feels that this will protect ICSA from any last minute votes due to the time requirements for notification of a By Law change. Justin motions to Amendment ICSA By Law Article II: Purposes, Section 2 from:**

The sponsorship, conduct, supervision, development and provision for sailboat racing competition among students in colleges and other institutions of higher education in North America for the purposes of improving and developing the sailboat racing techniques of such college students.

To

The sponsorship, conduct, supervision, development and provision for sailboat racing competition among undergraduate students in colleges and other institutions of higher education in North America for the purposes of improving and developing the sailboat racing techniques of such undergraduate college students.

Kevin Coakley seconded the motion. Justin noted that in NEISA the vote to move this motion forward to ICSA was unanimous.

Charles Higgins noted that since the discussion about graduate students has come up so many times this indicates that there is not clear consensus about the topic and making a By Law change to stop the discussion is not the right way to proceed. Michael Callahan noted that by making the By Law change we are not stopping the discussion but we are stopping it from being a rash vote that is introduced to the Board without time for the Conferences to discuss internally.

The motion passes.

- C. **Women's Team Race Invitational** – This item was addressed under the State of Women's Sailing Report in Old Business.
- D. **Question regarding season limits and rescheduled championships** – Justin Assad asked that ICSA record in the minutes the discussion of granting a season limit exemption to teams needing to use an extra weekend to participate in a rescheduled Conference Championship that qualifies teams to an ICSA National Championship. Mitch noted that this is currently a Presidential power and he would see no reason why the exemption would not be granted.
- E. **Motion to direct ICSA to implement an eight year term limit for officers, initially up to three years for implementation** – Justin Assad did not want to propose this as a motion for a vote but would like to ask the Executive Committee to bring this to the outside Consultant for incorporation into the new governance structure. He noted that NEISA has term limits for their officers and committee chairs but understands that in some smaller conferences this may provide a hardship.
- F. **Discussion of Sailing World Rankings and proposal to implement a panel for SW Rankings** – Michael Callahan presented a report he prepared outlining the flaws in the current Sailing World rankings. He went over the evolution from the committee of three to the open voting system that we now have and the flaws of each system. Justin Assad noted that this was also a discussion topic during the Coaches Conference and the group felt that the recommended changes were generally thought to be an improvement.

Mike explained that the primary problems with the current system is the lack of oversight allowing for votes that are wildly inaccurate and forcing people to vote for teams in all conferences when they likely have no idea where teams in outside conferences should be ranked. He recommended that each Conference be given 2 votes to be provided by consistent rankers (people who have agreed to be a ranker for the whole year) and that the MAISA, NEISA AND ANY OTHER CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER WHO IS INTERESTED serve as an oversight committee to do a quality check on the rankings each week.

Mitch Brindley asked Justin to work with Sailing World to implement this recommendation and asked the Conference Commissioners to start identifying their rankers and provide those names to Mike and Justin.

- G. **ICSA Sailor Reporting System** – *Brian Toblemann brought forward the following proposal from the MCSA: MCSA reporting We, the MCSA executive board, believe that there should be a system in place, ICSA-wide, for sailors to report any issues they experience. This reporting system can be as simple as a google form ([which we will be implementing this spring in our conference](#)), along with a committee of approximately four people that will be tasked with addressing issues that are reported. It is our hope that such a system would never be used, but understand that there may be instances that it could and we want to provide all sailors with a safe venue to address issues before they grow any larger. I, Brian Tobelmann, MCSA Graduate Conference Commissioner, propose a committee is created of four graduate members from the ICSA board that would be responsible for chairing such a system for the entire ICSA.* Brian explained that the intent is a protection system for ICSA and a process for resolving grievance issues. MCSA will be implementing this in the spring. Mitch Brindley noted that whether or not they know it all coaches are Cleary act reporters form Title IX or Sexual Assault reporting. Justin Assad expressed concern about implementing this without first consulting legal counsel

to make sure we are asking the right questions and have the correct process for dealing with them. Sherri Campbell noted that last week ISSA asked her to see about increasing their umbrella liability policy and before the insurance company would provide a quote she had to fill out a report on ISSA's Sexual Discrimination Policy. These requirements are coming but we need to not jump in and make sure we are following the proper procedures. ***Mitch suggested sending this to the Executive Committee for further research.***

- XII. **Report of the Nominating Committee** – Mitch Brindley appointed the following individuals to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee: Michael Callahan, Brian Tobelmann, Justin Assad and chaired by the Undergraduate Vice President Vir Menon.
- XIII. **Adjournment** – The Meeting was adjourned at 1454 by Vir Menon. The ICSA Annual Meeting will be May 21, 2018 at the Old Dominion University Sailing Team Facility.

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