

Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.
2019 Annual Meeting
1100, Monday, May 20, 2019
Sail Newport, Newport, RI

Action Items

1. Intention to allow people to sail and compete during the time of Nationals, even if they are not sailing at Nationals.
2. Interconference Committee, with national representation, to review the no-show penalty.

Motions

1. Motion to approve the new Fowle Trophy calculation method starting next year.
 - a. Motion passes
2. Motion to vote on the criteria for PROs at National Championships
 - a. Motion passes
3. Motion to adopt a timeline for a Women's National Team Race Championship by 2022 with the caveat that Justin needs to come to the Winter Meeting with the financial analysis.
 - a. Motion passes
4. Motion to adopt the outlined Interconference Schedule changes
 - a. Motion passes
5. Motion to adopt the renaming of the Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award
 - a. Motion passes

Next Meeting: January 11, 2020, Park City, Utah

- I. Call to Order - Undergraduate President Jack Behrend from University of Wisconsin called the meeting to order at 8:30? and welcomed the group to Sail Newport. 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.
 - A. Mitch Brindley (President), Jack Behrend (Vice-President), Danielle Richards (Secretary), Treasurer, Michael Callahan (MAISA Graduate), Brian Tobleman (MCSA Graduate), MCSA Undergraduate, Justin Assad (NEISA Graduate), Paige Clarke (NEISA Undergraduate), Andrew Nelson (NWICSA), Shaan-Isabelle

Shridhar (NWICSA Undergraduate), Blaine Pedlow (PCCSC), Alyson Crowley (PCCSC Undergraduate), Dana Magliola (SAISA Graduate), Allison Chenard (SAISA), Charles Higgins (SEISA Graduate), **SEISA Undergrad?**

- III. Additions to the Agenda
 - A. Proposal to modify Appendix A of the Procedural Rules
 - 1. Season Limits Discussion - Scheduling Circumstances
 - B. Intersectional No-Show Penalty
 - C. Recruiting
 - D. Team Race Championship Format
- IV. Reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting, January 12, 2019, Richards
 - A. Will be sent out later

President's Report, Mitch Brindley

- I. Spring Progress
 - A. It is tougher to get things done in the Spring as we know because we don't have the same downtime that we do in the Fall. It's hard to get full-attendance on conference calls but we were able to get some stuff done.
- II. Sponsorships
 - A. All of the sponsorships are good and Quantum increased their sponsorship; we have a new sponsor and received a gift in kind from Professional Boats of 3 Tornado inflatable boats for regatta management this weekend. If anyone is looking for a new coachboat, they will have a representative from PB all weekend with a boat on display and the ICSCA will get a small percentage of the sale. US Sailing will be managing the Sperry sponsorship this year, as they renewed it this year. Bill and Adam both departed Laser Performance, but I have been in contact with the CEO and all provisions of the contract are good. There are plans to have Lasers delivered to the West Coast for Singlehanded Nationals, which can be discussed later. We have issued a RFP for new management of TecScore, check it out online at www.collegesailing.org/projects.
- III. Treasurer
 - A. Sherri is retiring and will end on July 15th and we didn't want to let her go and she has been awesome for us over the years. As we look at bringing in someone new, we want to look at the Consultant's Report and diversify our Board composition so it's not just college coaches and bring in more sports administrators from outside of our organization. Sherri was so great because she wasn't a coach and was not affiliated with any school aside from her children attending Georgetown and her husband at Navy.
- IV. Varsity Blues

- A. The Varsity Blues case was unfortunate and distracting in the news and will probably resurface again but it was a lot of press for College Sailing. In the grand scheme of things, when you google College Sailing, it still was not even 25% as high as during Nationals.

Treasurer's Report, Sherri Campbell

- I. Sherri was not in attendance but it has been uploaded to the website
 - A. This job has gotten significantly more difficult at the ICSCA level as we have gone
- II. Dues are going up
 - A. Conferences might want to review how they bill their schools so that they are able to pay the ICSCA
 - B. Collect money in the Fall and bill early
- III. Richards suggests Commissioners discuss the possibility of sharing a book keeping program across conferences as many are losing their Treasurers and looking for new ones.

Secretary's Report, Danielle Richards

- I. Difficult to get membership reports and open to ideas of how to streamline this
 - A. On TecScore, the regatta must be finalized by the host and the participating schools must fill out RP forms
 - 1. This is an automated report but only if everything is completed
 - B. Danielle pulls the reports in hopes that the commissioners audit it and if you need help with the logistics, contact Danielle.
 - C. Questions regarding using TecScore as a default if the membership report is not submitted in time with teams that are not ranked going to the default lowest category. However, we shouldn't incentivize people to not do it.
 - D. It is important to communicate with Danielle about Conference Representatives, membership categories, etc.
- II. Awards
 - A. Hoping to print out the All America certificates at this regatta and present them with All Academics coming out in October.

III. Committees

- A. Send updated committee representatives
- B. As per the Consultant's Report, broaden the representation. Someone cannot sit on more than 3 standing committees which must be granted annually so reach out to parents, alumni, etc.
- A. We need people on these committees and we need them involved. If you have grievances, be on a committee

Standing Committee Reports

All-Academic Sailing Team, Matt Lindblad

- I. Matt was going to try to be here; he also tried to resign last year but stepped up to do this. A lot of the information is generated but you still need to audit it and confirm that the information is true and correct. The unofficial transcript also needs to be submitted for the students - there is no GPA minimum to serve on the committee
- II. Matt sent out the link for nominations but there is a slight hiccup as it is only working for Seniors at the moment

All-America Selection Committee, Ian Burman

- I. The committee has been meeting for the past few weeks. We are prepared to announce everything on time.
- II. Please discuss and submit sportsmanship nominations who are competing at the highest level and positive contributing to College Sailing. Crew nominations are due today.
- III. Certificates will be presented on Friday.

Championship and Competition Committee, Michael Callahan

- I. General Overview
 - A. Work on creating criteria for ICSA approved PROs
 - 1. Coed and Women's Fleet Racing Nationals Criteria
 - a) Has run a major interconference regatta or conference championship in the past 4 years with fleet size of at least 36 boats.
 - b) Is endorsed by 2 ICSA Conference Commissioners
 - c) Is available to attend the Women's or Coed Showcase A/B or Women's or Coed Showcase Finals events, with travel paid by

ICSA, no more than two years prior to the championship to be hosted.

2. Team Racing Nationals Criteria

- a) Team Racing PRO will have attended a MAISA or NEISA team race intersectional, Bob Bavier Team Race or conference championship as a coach or member of race committee within 2 years of the event to be hosted.
- b) Endorsed by 2 ICSA Conference Commissioners

3. Match Racing Nationals Criteria

- a) Match Racing PRO will have attended a graded Match Race in the US with hosted boats, either as a competitor or as a race officer, within 2 years of the event to be hosted.
- b) Endorsed by 2 ICSA Conference Commissioners.

4. Singlehanded Nationals Criteria

- a) Singlehanded's PRO has run a major interconference regatta or conference championship in the past 4 years with a fleet size of at least 36 boats.
- b) Endorsed by 2 ICSA Conference Commissioners
- c) Available to attend and the MAISA or NEISA Women's or Men's Singlehanded Championships, with travel paid by ICSA, no more than two years prior to the championship to be hosted.

5. Upon certification of the above, ICSA Championship/Competition Committee must vote in support of the PRO candidate in order for the hosting proposal to proceed. The Championship/Competition Committee may propose a plan of action to add experience for the candidate and approve the application, pending completion of the plan.

6. Questions

- a) We have done this in the past and can approve a stipend for this funding
- b) Running a Showcase event counts
- c) This is a way to ensure that PROs are not running on the fly and so that it is more standardized while also encouraging more people to come out
- d) Requests that this can be scaled down and cascade down to the conference level
- e) Requests for a database of PROs and more workshops

B. Encouraging Conferences to experiment with fully umpired fleet races

- 1. The Committee encourages Conferences to experiment with Fully Umpired Fleet Racing and report back to the committee to let us know what they think about it. The Arrigan Regatta at Georgetown was run

using Fully Umpired Fleet Racing. Competitors and Coaches enjoyed the format. We encourage ICSA members to try this format out and report back to the competition committee with feedback. To help with this format Bill Simon, Doc Sullivan and Janel Zarkowsky worked on rules.

C. Reworking the Fowle Trophy points to remove DNC points

1. The committee was asked to remove DNC and Alden felt very strongly about the math behind removing the DNCs and showing that it would strongly penalize teams and created a new system that most closely represents who the best team is in College Sailing.
2. This proposal is in the report as an Excel Spreadsheet to show people that meet criteria and give a better representation.

3. **Motion to approve this method starting next year.**

a) **Seconded**

b) Further Discussion

(1) This is using the Director's Cup Method

c) **Vote**

(1) **Motion passes**

D. **Motion to vote on the criteria for PROs at National Championships**

1. **Seconded**

2. **Vote**

a) **Motion passes**

II. Championship Reports

A. 2019 Spring Championship, Sail Newport (NEISA)

1. Welcome to Newport, we will go over a lot at the Coaches' Briefing tonight
2. We want to thank Amanda for the leg work on the umpires and getting them organized. Having someone else manage that aspect of Nationals makes it a lot easier for the host to focus on other administrative matters.

B. 2019 Singlehanded Championship, UCSB (PCCSC)

1. Quick summary on behalf of Brad; everything is all set with the venue, conversations are going on with LP, unfortunately do not have the list of Judges to present here.

C. 2019 Match Race Championship, Corinthian Yacht Club (NEISA)

1. There was a report sent out by Justin; all set to host in Sonars; as this is Halloween weekend and given the proximity to Salem be proactive about hotel bookings and anticipate a lot of traffic.

D. 2020 Spring Championship, Tulane Bid (SEISA)

1. Everything is all set to host it and USF will be lending the second fleet (and we will send them ours the following year).

2. The proposal has racing starting the day after Memorial Day which is a bit different than usual but still within the desirable dates. Team Racing will be starting first so long as that works for everyone. As of now, High School Championships should be in SEISA so we hope to retain umpires for Team Racing to stick around. Memorial Day weekend is off-limits regardless as Southern has another regatta.
 - a) The order is Team Racing, Coed, Women's.
 - b) In discussions of the Nationals timeblock, it is important to remember that sailors are students too
 - c) All American's would be announced at Women's.
 - d) Sidebar Question: How important is performance at Nationals? It matters because you can see people compete against each other
 - e) As umpires have expressed, do not plan around them because people will show up.
3. It will be warm so start hydrating now.
4. General Discussion about Nationals Semi-Finals and Finals dates, shifting around the Nationals order but this is a long-term discussion that can be tabled for now. These are big picture conversations that can be considered for the long-run. The current format can make it challenging to participate in Championships because we are going so late in the year so if there is anything we can do to ease the time burden, it could be worth looking into.
 - a) Can we make space for this discussion? It'll probably come up during the Team Race Imbalance presentation
- E. 2020 Singlehanded Championship (NEISA)
 1. As of now there is not a bid but we want to say to the ICSA that it could be a good idea to solicit bids and have had good conversations with the US Sailing Center in Miami but do not have a good proposal for it. If another conference wants to have conversations about it too, that'd be great.
 2. This also has LP implications in the sense that we could do it in Florida to get High School on the same path and fulfill the Olympic visions.
- F. 2020 Match Race Championship (Navy)
 1. 3 year old fleet of Colgate 26s with plenty of power boats and working on umpires already.
- G. 2021 Spring Nationals, [USF Bid](#)
 1. This is slightly contingent upon the LP contract; if no one else is interested in hosting, USF is there to do it
- H. Nationals hosts: MAISA in 2022, NEISA in 2023, At-Large in 2024

Communications and Website, Chris Klevan

- I. All-Conference representatives have been selected

- II. There is a new system of manning Chairs of Committees
- III. There is a new internship for Undergrads to take part in (which Allison is doing) and a more formal process for application will be developed
- IV. 16 Press Releases were published
- V. Standardize social media accounts and logins

Afterguard Committee, Gail Turluck

- I. This is posted on the website with the usual requests and the Committee is prepared to be involved with whoever is chairing it next year.
- II. There is a MCSA request to have a MCSA email address but we do not have the capability to add new accounts and have it work effectively if someone wants to dive into this, please reach out to Danielle.

Eligibility Committee

- I. No update with no one on the Committee in attendance
- II. The Committee answered a few questions that people had which were all based on current cases

Hall of Fame, Gail Turluck

- I. The Committee met and received nominations; Gail did a very nice job getting committee input.
- II. Graham Hall Award for Service by a College Sailing Professional: Jesse Andrews, University of Hawaii
- III. Lifetime Hall of Fame: Ken Legler, Tufts University
- IV. Student Leadership Award: Ally Schwerdtfeger, Bentley University
 - A. Ally began on the Board as our Social Media Representative and created a blueprint for us to scale up. Ally was then a Regional Representative and not only was great with leadership but also branched from our smaller teams to our professional coaches and was vocal and a huge asset.

Interconference Regattas, Danielle Richards

- I. Fall 2019
 - A. Addition: **Promotional** Stanford Invite (Sept 14-15)
 - 1. Berths: Stanford, 5 Invites
 - 2. Combined division fleet racing, each school sends 3 boats (FJs or 420s)
- II. Spring 2020
 - A. Addition: Women's Team Race National Tournament
 - 1. Change from Promotional to Full Interconference
 - 2. Berths: 10 NEISA, 4 MAISA + 2 Invites

- B. Addition: Rudkin Team Race
 - 1. Berths: 6 NEISA, 2 SAISA
- C. Berth Change: Bob Bavier
 - 1. Berths: 2 MAISA, 3 NEISA, 2 SAISA, 2 Invites
- D. Host Change: Thompson, hosted by Coast Guard
- E. Host Change: Wick, hosted by Yale
- F. SNETR and the Hap Moore Trophy as one event, hosted by CGA with help from CC
 - 1. Berths: 10 NEISA, 2 Invites

III. Fall 2020

- A. Addition: *Interconference* Stanford Invite (Sept 14-15)
 - 1. Berths: Stanford, 5 Invites
 - 2. Combined division fleet racing, each school sends 3 boats (FJs or 420s)
- B. Change: Stu Nelson (W), 3 divisions

IV. Motion to adopt these above changes

- A. Seconded
- B. Further Discussion
 - 1. Stu Nelson as 3 divisions, 3 fleets of boats
 - 2. Rudkin Host: maybe would be drafted in the NEISA conference, hosted at Eckerd
 - a) Discussion about how NEISA can have an event out of a different conference (at Eckerd) so why is this not a conference event hosted by Eckerd with the same berth allocations?
 - (1) Concerns raised about no-show penalties and how this could be used as a work-around
 - (a) However, this is not the case anymore so this shouldn't be a factor in the discussion.
 - (2) Even if the school is not a host, they can still help run the event which appears to be fine.
 - b) We need to make sure it fits into the current scheduling and penalty structure with the existing berth allocation.
 - c) When we talk about who is named as the host is semantics as it is an out-of-conference event still for NEISA because it breaks the boundary rule but to figure this out, we can look up the rules.
 - d) Roger Williams put the work into creating it and everything, should NEISA not be able to host it? Should it be an out of conference event for NEISA teams? How about in conference for NEISA teams?
 - (1) Rules Committee will write a rule to show the intent
 - e) Co-Host with SEISA and NEISA

- (1) Eckerd is invited because NEISA is using their boats
- (2) Further discussion about what constitutes an in/out of conference event
- (3) To solve the problem, cascade the no-show penalty into any inter-conference event
 - (a) No-show errors are from administrative errors that are overworked
 - (b) Potential subjectivity of no show errors
- (4) We need to create standards for hosting out of your conference and not just do a one off for the Rudkin
- (5) 15c (no-show penalty) change to any out of conference regatta?
- (6) Why can't we just say the regatta is co-hosted?
- f) Table the penalty talk instead to talk about berth allocation
- g) **If you host an out-of-conference event, you need to co-host with an in-conference team so that it becomes an out of conference, interconference event**

3. Fall Dates

- a) First Women's Showcase: September 28-29
- b) The dates are shifted one weekend
- c) Clarification of the dates on the schedule, updated to reflect the correct dates

C. Vote

1. **Motion passes**

Discussion Paused

Presentation from John Pearce, US Sailing

- I. If you're here over the next 2 weeks, come visit US Sailing in Bristol
 - A. Great restaurants etc.
- II. A lot of you have been to the National Coaching Symposium the past 2 years, it is the Tuesday/Wednesday following Thanksgiving (December 2-3) at Coral Reef Yacht Club and we would love your feedback on what you want to add/change or present on
- III. There is a new app coming out in a week called Skill Up to track skills for sailors digitally
 - A. Send us your boat handling videos etc.
- IV. Launching a new program which is a community based racing program, get involved or give recommendations; full-time, staff jobs

Discussion Resumed

Procedural Rules, ?? McDonald

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- A. No changes given we have not been able to review the Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting but there are probably just some minor changes.
- B. Proposal to Amend Appendix A (Competition Season)
 - 1. Brindley: recommendation on how to handle inter-team practice during the Championship season.
 - a) If you're not in Team Race Nationals, you are not able to practice in the same space as another team, even if you are not practicing with them you cannot use their boats. Now that we have 18 weekends a lot of people want to sail Memorial Day weekend but cannot because they reached their limit and this seems arbitrary.
 - b) Recommendation: change the rule from "the end of the ICSA Spring Championship season" to "May 15"
 - c) It's important to note that some teams with more free time during those weekends could get together on weekends that other teams cannot so maybe change it to the beginning of the Spring Championship Season
 - d) This rule only affects teams on the weekend but it does not affect them practicing during the week
- C. Proposal wording: after X weekend, Y number of days to practice until the National Championship
 - 1. This fell down because the original intent was not to limit practice but rather 14 days of practice before Nationals
 - 2. It could be a good idea to revisit this and make it even for everyone regardless of exams, graduation, etc.
 - a) However, an 8 hour day with 36 boats is different from a 4 hour day with 6 boats
 - 3. Why do we limit this if we don't limit winter practicing?
 - a) Weekends are still limited but practices are not aside from the standard limitations
- D. **Motion to intend to amend A2, The ICSA Competition Year shall be from the first Saturday in September until the completion of the ICSA Spring Championships changed to: The ICSA Competition Year shall be from the first Saturday in September until May 15th.**
 - 1. **Seconded**
 - 2. Discussion
 - a) Want to move an intent, not a rule change - we want to allow this to happen
 - 3. **Motion withdrawn**

4. The intent is to allow teams to practice or scrimmage together on a weekend in late May prior to Nationals
5. It makes sense to allow teams to practice this way
6. Could this open the door to situations like the Norfolk Team Race? Would this be like adding another weekend of competition?
7. Key: weekend during Nationals Championship not just any May weekend at the concerns of escalation

E. Intend to allow people to sail during the time of Nationals even if they are not sailing at Nationals to compete with other teams

II. Weekend Requirements, SAISA

- A. The number of competition weekends is limiting to teams as it forces teams to skip weekends to make sure they meet the weekend requirements
- B. SAISA Women's
 1. Make conference champs a non-weekend exception if you have to move it to its own weekend
 - a) Waive a qualifying event/conference champs as an on weekend
 - b) This has been done in SAISA several times
 2. The first week of competition is past the deadline of add/drop for Showcase events as the qualifiers are in the Fall
 - a) This undermines the attendance of women's events
 - b) Could make a rule that all women's team have to attend but it penalizes those that already attended and this hurts women's sailing as it is the only event on that weekend
 3. Request for an exception for a conference wide event that's a qualifier of some sort be excluded from weekend competition
 - a) Give SAISA an extra weekend for add/drop?
 - b) The problem is that there is no room in the schedule for the event
 - c) Offers to discuss and rework the schedule in the Fall for SAISA
 - d) Concerns about undermining the health of SAISA events
 4. **Motion to table discussion**
 - a) Seconded
 - b) Motion passes

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Women's Committee, Danielle Richards

- I. Committee Report
 - A. We have been encouraging teams to add Women's events and hopefully we will see some that come into fruition
- II. [Women's Team Race Nationals](#), Justin Assad

A. NEISA moves that we adopt a timeline for a Women's National Team Race Championship by 2021.

1. Seconded

- B. This is a growing area and it is logical for our sport to expand into this area and it will quickly become a primary championship.
- C. Schedule Placement: We don't know yet which is why we put forth the timeline so that we can schedule it. Right now, NEISA is hosting more events but we would happily give up some of them to advance the discipline.
- D. Women's Team Race Events: It would be easy to add more women's events in the Spring. A big concern of the organization is adding second tier events and we hope there could be fleet racing and team racing for women every weekend.
- E. Analysis of Statistics: When we take out championship regattas in other disciplines (singlehanded and match racing) we see there are more non-championship women's team racing events happening in ICSA than in Match Racing and Singlehanded, which already have National Championships.
- F. Women's Team Race Event Progress: The Invite this year was great and it nearly doubled in size and the teams were very excited about it. There are talks in other conferences and within NEISA about more Women's Team Race events.
 - 1. USF women's would be willing to go Team Race
- G. Budget: It would be good to put together what the cost is to run the Women's Team Racing as a National Championship in order to create budget and sponsorship opportunities and determine the fee structure, the sponsorship value, etc. and the cost to a team to compete to help move it forward.
 - 1. Assad: We would be happy to do that, we think to start it would be good to keep the costs down and have proven records and are venues near umpires, airports, etc rather than rotate all over the country. This way we can do it quickly and easily and it doesn't have to be part of the championship block.
- H. Scheduling: For the short term, it will stay on the weekend it's on and adopt the National Invite as the National Championship
 - 1. The plan is to keep it a two-day event
- I. Umpires: As it's not on a Coed Team Race weekend, it has been easy to get umpires.
 - 1. At the event this year, there was a good group of umpires and we dealt with the expenses.
- J. Qualification Structure: This could be decided by the conferences
 - 1. We have made strides with Women's Sailing and I think it's a disservice to not match Coed Team Racing and we should have 16 teams. This conversation is similar to that we had about Fleet Racing.
- K. Timeline

1. Burman: I think 2021 is aggressive and too soon
2. Richards: You should come to the winter meeting with a cost analysis, maybe work on a rough draft of schedule and then at the meeting we can go "is 2022 the right year to do this?"
3. For intersectional events for next Spring, the decisions need to be made today
4. If we want to treat this like Coed Team Racing, should it not be a 3 day event?

L. Opinions of Undergraduate female sailors

1. NEISA women in support of this, had 6+ female skippers starting, compared to last year the enthusiasm is growing and the participation is increasing but the scheduling difficulties should not prevent the addition of it
2. PCCSC thinks this is a good direction but it could be harder for smaller conferences but if this is going to be brought up in the Winter Meeting, there should be support for smaller teams to reach out to NEISA in order to work towards national representation
3. Concerns about national representation and ensuring there are enough teams to do this, in support of the idea but is it plausible

M. Other Concerns

1. The quality of the event and the learning curve
 - a) Disagreements about the level of the event
 - b) We're talking about the level of the event without providing a way to get better
 - c) This will motivate teams to get in gear and improve
2. Event attendance at the Invite
 - a) 10 NEISA, 2 MAISA, 1 SAISA
 - b) Support for more effort to grow women's team racing outside of the East Coast before it's designated as a National Championship
3. Conversation ensues about clinics
 - a) Good opportunity to grow the level of all conferences
 - b) Teams that are already in it could help grow the level
4. Danielle Richards: All of us here right now are the ICSA so if you have an issue you need to reach out to the people in this room and don't expect people to organize your conference.

- N. Danielle Richards: All that we are trying to do right now is propose a timeline to make this happen. Justin put forth 2021 and that seems a little ambitious. I say we give him a task to come to the Winter Meeting with and let's have the Women's Committee and NEISA work on this and we can decide if the timeline is feasible.

You need to go back to your conferences and figure out what works and have them bring up the issues.

1. Change from 2021 to 2022

O. We had a motion to vote on a timeline, do you have that language?

P. ***Friendly Amendment:*** NEISA moves that we adopt a timeline for a Women's National Team Race Championship by 2022 with the caveat that Justin needs to come to the Winter Meeting with the financial analysis.

1. Justin: I'll amend my motion

2. Vote

- a) Motion passes with Callahan opposed

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Techscore Committee, presented by Danielle Richards

- I. Joint committee with ISSA and ICSA to distribute a proposal to have someone come in and manage it for both organizations with timelines posted on TecScore
 - A. Suggestion to be recruiting rather than just posting otherwise we may not get any
 - B. If anyone has recommendations, please communicate it to Greg, Scott or Danielle
 - C. There are a lot of computer science people in the sailing world so consider creating an intern position
 - D. Find tech-y people
- II. Not in crisis mode yet but lots of the features are having issues
- III. Danielle cannot merge or create profiles and please do not create another profile because it messes it up more. We will find you.

Recruiting Committee, Justin Assad

- I. Current Status
 - A. There has been progress with the draft but it is not ready to go yet. Many sports have issues tracking and penalizing and there is not a standardized good enforcement mechanism yet. We have some guidelines that we hope to share throughout the fall in terms of governing. We are aiming for the Mid-Winter Meeting as a ready point with a 1 page outline with transparency about the process and financial aid as factors.
- II. Guidelines and best practices for communicating with high school prospective athletes
 - A. We hope to govern in a good faith manner. We will be outlining what's allowed on campus and creating guidelines and look at the NCAA regulations with a lilt towards the existing infrastructure.
 1. A more level playing ground, everyone follows body of rules
 2. Aim not to address gross ethical violations

3. Right now kind of a black hole, create more information, lack of clarity
- B. Concerns
 1. We don't currently have these policies or a system to register as a recruitable athlete to be included in the process or potentially be contacted by teams, matching players in right spot.
 2. Concerns about the body of rules and leveling the playing field to ensure people follow them
 3. This lack of clarity could lead to the system being used incorrectly and there should be policies and a database
- III. Education of greater sailing community on college sailing
 - A. We want to be on the front end of this and have everyone using the same language.
 - B. Education to the broader world and public could also be a positive.
- IV. Spread knowledge through college night format and to standardize the format
 - A. We have the ability to control presented content, accurate and positive representation and want to standardize this in 3-5 years. We could use the US sailing database to disburse this to organizational leaders and the membership of athletes, could be tied into TecScore to fix athlete profiles.
- V. Blaine and Adam to be added to Committee

Conference Reports

NEISA

- I. Facility Improvements
 - A. Bowdoin got a new fleet of 420s
 - B. Brown opened up their new boathouse
- II. Club Team Development,
 - A. Club team symposium, club team handbook, as well as our new Facebook group
 - B. Several teams that recently joined as NEISA members are becoming stronger and more stable
 - C. Teams upgraded to provisional status
 - D. Regional Representatives call the teams which helps start the dialogue

MAISA

- I. Conference Growth
 - A. Improving at all levels
 - B. Team Race League Year 2

- C. Experimented with Women's Team Racing and fully umpired team racing - well received
 - D. Schedule to be tweaked to fit needs in the Fall
- II. Sad to lose Sherri Campbell, thanks for your work

MCSA

- I. Conference Growth
 - A. 3 new teams joined
 - B. Increased the number of women's and team race events with clinics
 - C. New venue at Wisconsin
- II. Women's Sailing
 - A. Implemented a female skipper provision

NWICSA

- I. Conference Growth
 - A. Mostly a club sport district
 - B. Teams getting new coaches
 - C. 3 new teams looking to join the conference
 - D. Hosted High School Nationals successfully
 - 1. Social media done by College sailors
- II. Concerns
 - A. Participation was slightly lacking but working on fundraising and clinics

PCCSC

- I. Conference Growth
 - A. Competitive conference championships
 - B. Team growth and club teams qualifying for Nationals
 - C. Teams participating out of conference
- II. Social Media
 - A. Social media has been very good

SAISA

- I. Conference Growth
 - A. 7 associate schools coming onto the scene
 - B. 2 provisional teams
 - C. UMiami got a new coach
 - D. Rollins coaching expansion
 - E. Georgia Tech Clinic and Rollins Developmental Event
 - F. Midwest and South Atlantic Clinic as well
- II. Administration

- A. Quarterly conference calls
- B. Allison is the student media rep and has organized the conference undergrads

SEISA

- I. Conference Growth
 - A. Increase in teams competing, interest in coming back from inactive teams
 - B. Double the number of teams that actively teams race with about 50% female skippers
 - C. More combined division format events
- II. Looking forward to hosting Nationals in 2020

Old Business

Consultant's Report

- I. The presentation and the full report on both on the Website
 - A. These are big things to manage so we need help from everyone.
- II. Bring other people into governance
 - A. Non Sailors, athletic administrators, recreational sports directors, sports information, communication
- III. Governance compliance
 - A. Recommendation that everyone signs off on the same rules; didn't say that everyone wasn't following all of the rules but there is this perception that one school has an advantage over others. For example, rugby adopts the NCAA rules and say they'll comply even though they are not involved in the NCAA.
- IV. Part Time Executive Director
 - A. The report recommended that we hire a part time executive director and raise the due structure and in turn, the person increases revenue sources to have a Full Time Executive Director.
 - B. The Executive Committee and the Board are in charge of this hiring process. We did not accomplish as much as we wanted to.
 - C. Suggestion to create a sub-committee that can aid in this process
 - D. Suggestion to expand the Executive Committee
 - E. People interested in doing this
 - 1. Zac, Brian, Dana, recommendation for Jeff Bresnahan

Laser Performance Collegiate Cup, Charles Higgins

- I. Congratulations to Brown for winning and good luck in Garda!
 - A. Brown is bringing 7 people
 - B. Probably still looking for a coach to go with them in the last week of August

BUSA Tour, Charles Higgins

- I. Weekends 1-2, expected to be law abiding citizens
- II. Trophy events as being well hosted and tie in more to College Sailing
- III. Sending a men's + women's teams
- IV. For going abroad, it could help if we select people sooner

Sailing World Rankings, Justin Assad

- I. This was better in fall and it lost a bit of steam in Spring. It could help to expand the small group to people with not as many responsibilities. We are looking at bringing back pre-season prognostics. We are always looking for feedback and are happy to make the little adjustments. Sailing World is supportive and enthusiastic and flexible.
- II. Suggestions:
 - A. Include more than just top 10 in the Sailing World magazine as there is still room on the page

No Show Penalty

- I. Discussed this earlier in the meeting, tabled it at the prior Winter Meeting.
- II. Discussion that if a team were to no show at an interconference or drop within 24 hours, penalize the conference \$500 and the conference decides how to control and distribute the penalty whereas anything before would have no penalty
 - A. Maybe this should be discussed with the future Treasurer
 - B. This is in addition to the scheduling penalty, unfair for the host to be waiting for teams to show up
 - C. The vast majority of no shows are in conference teams, un-coached teams.
 - 1. In this past season, there was 1 late drop that wasn't weather/medical related
 - D. Should there be a harsher penalty for dropping closer to event?
 - 1. Should there be a more severe penalty in the 3 day - 1 week range
 - 2. Maybe TecScore could have a prompt to confirm a week out
 - 3. The current penalty is too severe as the only teams that care about it get penalized for genuine mistakes, ie MIT. However, the teams that don't care and don't leave the conference, it doesn't quite matter to them as much because they don't care.
 - 4. We could be better served to just have financial punishments because it could be a bit more fair as a punishment.

- 5. No serious team is purposefully no-showing.
 - E. The month out penalty is too severe so there are some benefits to the graduated system
- III. Send this to the Interconference Committee to review and for national representation.

New Business

National's Boat Policy, MCSA

I. Background

- A. MCSA requests a discussion on the national's boat policy - After discussion within the MCSA and with other conferences, I believe that the Laser Performance contract is restricting this organization's (College Sailing) ability to effectively host our spring national championship events. The requirement that nationals be hosted in LP boats and those boats to be purchased from LP is not only cost prohibitive for many schools, but, as we have seen in recent years, is creating a headache when it comes to planning and hosting nationals. This contract led an alarming instance in which our organization was forced to change its policies, thereby restricting access to national championships, to accommodate a sponsor. It is my belief that we, college sailing, should be pressuring LP to provide boats for our spring national championship events, and no further contract extensions should be signed with the terms that host teams have to purchase LP boats to host nationals.
- B. This is not a request to stop the contract but the LP contract changed how we host Nationals

II. Motion to not sign any further contract extensions with LP with a requirement to host in their boats without full approval from the Board.

- A. Values of the contract
 - 1. Support at Nationals
 - 2. 36 Lasers and rigs at Men's and Women's Singlehanded's
 - a) Support person to manage the fleet
 - 3. Cash support for livestream coverage at Spring Nationals (\$10,000 annually)
 - 4. 18 Z420 jibs
 - 5. 18 branded FJ jibs

- 6. Branded mains at cost to sponsors (Sperry twice, Gill twice)
- 7. \$18,000 cash contribution to ICSA
- B. Don't want to eliminate the contract completely but some concerns are the requirements that come along with the benefits. Maybe we should look at other potential sponsors. We should make it so more people can host and this goes back to the switch from 18 to 36 boats.
- C. However you have to understand that with this amount of support from LP which is considerable, they are paying for certain things. LP shows support for College Sailing.
- D. The biggest impact is the footprint and time requirement as a challenge in that venues can do it but teams don't have footprint.
- E. For many, it's not just the LP contract but the bigger part is the 36 boats requirement because almost every program can do 18 but when it comes down to it, they will need a 2nd fleet. For the second fleet, it can be non-LP but then they are no longer obligated to pay \$10,000.
- F. The future Executive Director should work on meeting with sponsors to determine what our product is worth.
 - 1. It's important to note that no other sailing industry has come forward to match this
 - 2. There is money being paid to get LP fleets to different venues and this is moving Nationals more towards the East Coast.
- G. The contract with LP is up in 2023.
- H. Lots of comments and concerns about Lasers in the Olympics so how long do we want to be locked into a contract with them but also need to recognize the benefits of the contract. In these negotiations, it could be a good idea to include a workable program with teams looking to buy boats for Nationals. Production of the boats is being moved to Portugal so hopefully there will be better production.

III. Motion seconded

IV. Further Discussion

- A. Contract discussions should not go to an entire Board but rather the Executive Committee. The contract is only beneficial with the sole supplier stipulation
- B. If people want to talk outside of the meeting, many are happy to do that.

V. Motion to table to discussion

- A. Seconded
- B. Motion passes to table

Additions to the Agenda

Team Race Championship Competitive Imbalance, Justin Assad

- I. Undergraduate on-the-spot reports of team racing in their conferences

- A. In MCSA, not all of the teams participate in Team Racing but the ones that do (Notre Dame, Michigan, Wisconsin) are proving to be stronger teams in conference. In the presence of Team Race clinics, skills are getting stronger and are working on this along with women's. We hosted 3 events, qualifiers and 2 clinics where we bring in full-time coaches.
 - B. In the Northwest, we had 2 team race events and qualifiers and they went well. Four of the biggest schools team race and we are trying to encourage Canada. We have clinics too. As for women's we have nothing similar yet to the Northeast but are working on it. We are development oriented and have mostly bigger teams doing this.
 - C. In SEISA, 1 year ago team racing was almost non-existent with open events where you sail with who you want. Now we have a much stronger showing and a good following and people want more.
 - D. In SAISA, there is a divide between great teams and more developing/club teams. At development clinics we had a strong showing from teams with lots of women and it's a good environment to grow it, we just need help from bigger teams on educating.
- II. Historical Data and success at Nationals
 - A. Ideas for restructuring to try to address the divide
 - B. We have several conferences that are not as competitive at this event.
 - C. In NEISA, we feel strongly that the allocation is wrong and institutions and teams that are investing great resources and effort are not being treated fairly.
- III. Scheduling: team racing should be at the front or back of the block for financial and logistical reasons.
- IV. Consolation Event: Team Race National Invitational Tournament (NIT)
 - A. NEISA proposes the creation of a Team Race National Invitational Tournament (NIT)
 - B. Whenever possible, the NIT shall be held in the vicinity of the National Championship venue
 - C. The NIT may include a clinic component
 - D. The goal of the NIT is to give conferences not represented at the National Championship an opportunity to continue to develop
 - E. The field at the NIT shall be composed of conferences not represented at Nationals and teams that were not selected for the National Championship.
- V. Allocation
 - A. This may not be the best one but this is the one NEISA is putting forward because the current structure is not fair or close.
 - B. Team Race Nationals berths be allotted in the following manner
 - 1. 4 automatic berths awarded to the conference champions of our traditionally strong team race conferences: MAISA, NEISA, PCCSC,

SAISA

- a) After 3 years of demonstrated success at the National level, conferences without automatic berths may apply to add automatic berths for conference champions.
 - 2. The remaining 12 berths shall be allocated by a selection committee.
- C. Why At-Large Berths caused the loss of faith in the system
 - 1. No specific criteria was provided for the allocation of the at-large berths
 - 2. Too small a proportion of the field was allocated through at-large berths
 - a) Only 2 of the 18 berths were allocated as at-large
 - 3. All of the decision-making power was vested in one individual
 - a) The fact that there was no specific criteria, only one individual making the decision, and the decision was on such a small proportion of the overall field caused the organization to lose faith in the at-large berth process.
- VI. Selection Committee will be successful because...
 - A. Specific criteria will be provided to the Selection Committee by the Competition Committee.
 - B. The committee will be composed of 9 individuals, which will ensure decision making will be thorough and fair.
 - C. The committee will be determining 75% of the field rather than 11.3% of the field.
- VII. Selection Committee Composition
 - A. 9 individuals: 2 NE, 2 MA and 1 from every other conference
 - B. The selection committee members will have term limits.
 - C. Within 5-7 years, the selection committee shall be composed with the guidelines from the consulting report from Winter 2019. This includes collegiate administrators, etc.
 - D. This could also be accomplished by the Competition Committee
- VIII. Team Race Events throughout the season
 - A. The Championship Committee will examine berth allocations for Team Race Interconference and Conference Major Regattas annually and ensure that developing team racing conferences have the ability to build a resume for consideration by the Selection Committee.
- IX. Discussion
 - A. This needs to happen because it is denying qualified teams and is skewing the proportions and fairness. The system has been the same for too long and we need to face the facts.
 - B. Berths
 - 1. 16 is the right number for teams and will be extremely exciting
 - a) Questions about more or less but a general consensus of 16

2. Selection will be very difficult - maybe make an adjustment to this part of it because the clarity of the cut varies with each year
- C. We need to distinguish between the Consultant's Report and trying to do too much for too many versus how to make this a more competitive event.
1. Maybe we should come back with different proposals such as a Swiss League because we still need national representation which others do. This calls for needing to show you are competitive on a national level.
 2. This could pass and the NIT could help programs and help with a competitive balance.
- D. NIT
1. How do you create a system to ensure that you are working on your resume but not draining your top sailors?
 - a) Is this any different from what teams currently do?
 2. This is an avenue for development but maybe it doesn't need to be in the same region as Nationals but rather the conferences that need the development. It can be hosted at various locations
 - a) This idea was developed envisioning Team Racing in the middle before it was moved.
 3. The top teams should provide the coaching at this event ie MAISA and NEISA step up
- E. Selection Committee
1. The problems of selection bias and the subjectivity and being able to balance the resumes of bubble teams. The number of members could help balance this.
 2. If we adopt this, we need to take a more hands-on role in scheduling so that more teams can get into regattas to create a competitive balance. We have tried to create team race regattas with like competition. There needs to be some interchange between conferences. Are we valuing Nationals or the game of team racing and playing all season long?
 3. The implications of coaches deciding the teams versus sail-in opportunities which is a clear, easy to follow system.
 4. If they looked at the entire season and allocate berths before the conference championships and still sail-in to the spots but the number of berths is determined by the Committee
 - a) Very positive feedback
- F. Motion to table and bring to the Winter Meeting**
- G. Feedback
1. More desire to see a greater refined NIT proposal
- H. Motion for the Competition Committee to allocate berths Weekend 9 for Nationals and the NIT. The berths will be allocated like the Showcases.**

1. NEISA teams will attend and use this in order to develop.
2. Both NEISA and MAISA have taken steps to exclude other conferences in Spring events by excluding other conferences so the other conferences need to get more chances to sail against teams. These teams need a chance to show their skills.
3. What is NEISA trying to gain from this? In the last 6 years, there have been NEISA teams that have not made the top 8 because there has never been a year where it was all NEISA/MAISA top 8.
 - a) The National Championship should represent the best, most competitive teams.
4. Proposal: 28 berths
 - a) 16 Nationals, 12 NIT
 - b) The Competition Committee could allocate these berths on Weekend 9 for the sail-in
5. Can the NIT be used as a qualifier for Nationals?
 - a) Could this be a semi-final round where the top 2 advance?
 - b) However, this does not address the fact that teams would be there that criteria shows are not good
 - c) It could allow programs that are putting the resources and time in to jump in from a smaller event and while this may be difficult for scheduling, why not?
- I. Proposals for the Winter Meeting because unless the NIT is the same weekend as Nationals, we can't vote on it
 1. Can we just add it is an event as a stepping stone and next year be able to reflect on it?
 2. Can this be outside of the weekends of competition and do it as Promotional for one year?
 - a) The Showcases show that there must be buy-in. This cannot be voluntary cheer but here's what this is.
 - b) We are putting an unnatural ceiling on our sport with weekend limits
 3. We do need to be careful with the use of NIT and we need to be careful with the title "National" with events not specifically sanctioned
- J. MCSA offer to help organize the NIT
- K. This will be taken to the Competition Committee

Season Limits Discussion, SAISA

- I. Asf

Renaming of the Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award, Danielle Richards

- I. This will be the first time in 47 years that we do not have a Campbell family member on the Board so it was suggested to rename the Lifetime Achievement Award
 - A. It does not currently have a name on it
- II. **Motion to adopt the renaming of the Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award**
 - A. **Seconded**
 - B. **Motion passes**

Report of the Nominating Committee, Jack Behrend

- I. Treasurer Situation
 - A. As Sherri retired, we need to figure out the Treasurer situation.
 - B. If we are able to find a business vendor to handle ICSA bookkeeping and engage the same company for conference bookkeeping so we get leverage with purchasing power. We then have a consultant from that firm serve on Executive Committee to report like a Treasurer would and that person speaks on behalf of company and we could expand the Executive Committee.
 - C. We do not want to take away this position and it is in the by-laws. You rarely have paid leadership serve and vote but rather have them act as a liaison.
- II. Proposed Slate
 - A. President: Mitch Brindley
 - B. Secretary: Danielle Richards
 - C. Executive Committee: Ian Burman, Greg Fisher, Greg Wilkinson
 - D. **Seconded**
 - 1. Discussion
 - a) I like Greg Fisher being on the Committee given his connections to US Sailing but we do not have a club or small conference perspective and Dana could serve in this position. Dana: This is not a conflict of interest with my conference, I have put in many years and am dedicated to this organization. We have a lot of important decisions coming up
 - b) Discussions about the assumptions of those objecting and the recommendations of the Consultant's Report
 - c) General debate ensues
 - E. **Vote: Yes or No to the Slate - Slate Passes**

Scheduling of Next Meeting & Adjournment

- I. January 11, 2020, Park City, Utah