



President's Report for 2019 ICSA Annual Meeting

May 20, 2019

I am pleased to present my President's report to the 2019 Annual Meeting of the ICSA Board of Directors covering our achievements and challenges thus far of the 2018-19 year. Some of College Sailing's key achievements and project successes include:

- ICSA hosted over 316 regattas with more than 3585 entries.
- In the fall, there was increased participation at committee level in many areas particularly with positive advancements and activity with the Women's Committee, with a report presented at the winter meeting. In the spring, an ad hoc Recruiting Committee was active with recommendations to present to the conferences.
- Updated Rankings
- The Executive Committee fulfilled the request from the BOD to hire and facilitate a comprehensive organizational review conducted by Collegiate Sports Associates. Report to will presented at this meeting. Thank you Sherri Campbell for serving at the liaison with CSA. The final report from CSA was submitted in February and is in the meeting documents.
- In the fall, the executive committee finalized and approved a grievance reporting process and online form. <https://www.collegesailing.org/resources/reporting>
- We have strong and continued sponsor relationships with our sponsors Marlow, Gill, LaserPerformance, Quantum, Sperry and US Sailing.
 - Quantum bumped up there level of support.
 - Professional Boats is new as an in-kind sponsor this year. They are providing 3 Tornado coach boats for the regatta and will provide funding to ICSA for any boats sold during the regattas.
 - US Sailing will be managing the Sperry Sponsorship activation.
 - I am communicating directly with Bahman Kia, CEO of LaserPerformance now that Bill Crane and Adam Werblow have departed. All provisions of our contract including the delivery of lasers for the singlehandeds will continue.
- The RFP for new Techscore management was issued in May and can be found here: <https://collegesailing.org/projects>

As we conclude the year, there are several major projects the board, the executive committee and myself will need to steward through completion:

- Bring in a new Treasurer and possibly a bookkeeper
- Reinitiate monthly executive committee conference calls.
- Planning the implementation of CSA recommendations.
 - Expand and diversify committee and board leadership appointments
- Award a contract to manage Techscore.
- Finalizing a National Championship Host Agreement.

Other observations: The “Varsity Blues” case and associated news has been sad and distracting. There were a few people calling for some kind of investigation and punitive action by the board against Stanford. I continue to stand by the statement released by the Executive Committee.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and contributions of outgoing ICSA Treasurer, Sherri Campbell. In her years of service, Sherri has been the most level-headed, professional, and fair volunteer. She was always the adult in the room.

Thank you,

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President, ICSA