



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

2024 Annual Meeting

1000 EDT, Sunday, May 19, 2024

Ray and Maria Stata Center, Room 32-144, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

32 Vassar Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate President Sophia Herrada from the University of Texas called the meeting to order at 1009 local time. She then turned the meeting over to ICSA President Greg Wilkinson.
- II. **Roll Call** - Secretary Richards called the roll, the 15 members of the board listed below were present, and a quorum was established. Numerous other interested parties were also present at various points of the meeting. Their names are listed below the members of the Board for the records.

President:	Greg Wilkinson
Vice President:	Sophia Herrada
Secretary:	Danielle Richards
MAISA Graduate:	Isaac Clark (Proxy)
MAISA Undergraduate	Spencer Kriegstein
MCSA Graduate:	Caroline Bielski
MCSA Undergraduate:	Ivan Shilov
NEISA Graduate:	Frank Pizzo
NEISA Undergraduate:	Ximena Escobar
PCCSC Graduate:	Chris Klevan (Proxy)
PCCSC Undergraduate:	Sadie Hoberman
SAISA Graduate:	Dana Magliola
SAISA Undergraduate:	Ben Usher
SEISA Graduate:	Charles Higgins
SEISA Undergraduate:	Sophia Herrada

Declan McGranahan, Dillon Paiva, Dreugh Phillips, Esteban Forrer, Gail Turluck, Geoff Pedrick, Greg Fisher, Joakim Karlsen, Justin Assad, Lior Lavie, Mitch Brindley, Nick Zomer, Scott Corder, Zach Runci,

- III. **Additions to the Agenda** – Secretary Richards called for additions to the agenda. President Wilkinson requested that the All-American Committee Report update on the criteria for All-American Awards be added. **The motion was seconded and carried.** Greg then moved to add the Procedural Rules Committee Report to the Agenda. **The motion was seconded and carried.** Dillon Paiva requests that a motion on Practice at a championship venue be added to the Agenda. **The motion was seconded and carried.** Andrew Johnson requests a discussion on the distribution of Grade 1 Regattas be added to the Agenda. **The motion was seconded and carried.**

- IV. Review & Approval of the January 14, 2024 Minutes** – Danielle Richards presented the meeting minutes from the 2024 Winter Meeting. It was M/S/C to dispense with reading the minutes and accept them as given.
- V. Executive Director's Report** – Reed Maltbie was absent and no report was submitted.
- VI. President's Report** - Greg Wilkinson noted that after his first year as president, the majority of his work is just keeping the train on the tracks. He has been working with Reed to streamline the processes and keep things moving smoothly. He noted that all sponsors have renewed and increased their support of ICSA through Reed's diligent work.
- VII. Treasurer's Report** - Tucker Blagden was absent and no report was submitted.
- VIII. Secretary's Report** - Danielle Richards had no report for the Board.
- IX. Standing Committee Reports**
- A. All-Academic Sailing Team** - Greg Wilkinson has appointed Jeff Bresnehan as the acting chair of the committee. The call for applications did not go out on time but should be going out any day now.
 - B. All-America Selection Committee** - Bill Healy noted that the committee has been hard at work this winter/spring. The conditions have been updated, and he reiterated that the numbers are not a required quantity and that the committee may select fewer individuals. The award announcements will be made a few days after nationals via press releases and social media. One exception to this is the Quantum Women's Sailor of the Year award will happen after the Women's Nationals due to a preexisting sponsorship agreement.
 - C. Communications and Website** - Cori Radtke reported that this past spring we hired Hannah Noll to cover the Team Racing Nationals, for the Regional Teams Championship they were able to do a little bit of coverage on teams and events that do not normally receive coverage. The announcement of the team selection via social media and email was well received. There is a plan for coverage during the upcoming fleet racing event with live video during the finals. They are also working with American Magic, Sail GP, and the US Olympic team to feature college sailing alumni involved in those events. *She requested help from the ICSA Coaches to let her committee know if any of their alumni are sailing/coaching/involved in any of those events for other countries.*
 - D. Competition Committee** - Issac Clark reported that it has been a busy spring as outlined in their report. They have been focused on the selection process, amending the national's conditions, and working with the national's hosts to make sure they were meeting deadlines and were prepared for the events. This year there was a lot of turnover in the selectors due to conflicts, and term limits timing out. It is important that as soon as the conference schedules are finalized the selection meeting and announcement dates are announced to the ICSA so everyone is aware of the timeline. *They are urgently seeking bids/hosts for the 2025 singlehanded national championship. Other open bids are listed on the website.* He acknowledged the phenomenal job that MIT and Harvard have done on the logistics, planning, and implementation of the championships. The big goal for next year is to iron out procedures and responsibilities so the committee can better function, ICSA can be aware of deadlines, and everything can be on or ahead of schedule. He then moved on to the Committee's recommendations to the board:

1. ICSA Nationals Conditions Amendments:
 - a) Chris Klevan moved that the Board delete: 8.4. "PR 20 (BREAKDOWNS) shall apply to equipment, supplied by the host or OA, but does not include personal equipment." **The motion was seconded and carried.**
 - b) Greg Wilkinson moved that the Board direct the Rules Committee to alter the Open TR Nationals Window to expand to the current reality of a 5 day period surrounding weekend 13. **The motion was seconded and carried.**
 - c) Charles Higgins moved that we add: That national's NOR's need to be published by their respective national's selection announcement date. (Preferably to be included with the selection announcement) and Add: the Nationals NOR needs to specify the report and end times by the host. **The motion was seconded and carried.**
 - d) Change the Nationals Conditions to allow a former selector who served their full 3-year term or the ICSA Exec director to be the parliamentarian. - *A Board discussion determined that the Committee has the support of the Board to do this and no change is needed to the conditions.*
 - e) No motion was made but a general discussion was held regarding second teams at events. Isaac relayed that there was concern from the committee regarding the effect that a second team had in ranking for the selectors. *Greg directed the committee to meet during lunch to make a motion that can be voted on.*
PR6 Amendments: Co-Proposal with Scheduling (Need to have final wording posted by June 1st so this can take effect this fall). The committee feels that second teams should be allowed as follows:
 - (1) Fundamental: Conference Discretion
 - (2) Regional: One 2nd team allowed at Fleet Race events ONLY
 - (3) Cross-Regional: No second teams allowed
 - (4) ACC's series and ACT: No second teams are permitted except the ACT host.
2. The Committee asked the Board which items they should be focusing on for the Winter Meeting. Greg asked the Board to review the list and let him know if any of these issues are already being discussed in their conferences. NEISA noted that they have made a significant effort and investment in providing quality umpires for TR events and would like to see that codified as a requirement for selection. There was also a concern from NEISA coaches regarding the number of events being used for selection as it puts too much strain on sailors and teams to be a peak performance all season long.

Greg moved to ask the Competition Committee to come up with some sort of limits on the criteria for team race regattas to be considered for selection, umpires being one of those. The motion was seconded and carried.

A significant discussion was held regarding lock votes, both in the timing of the lock votes and the threshold of lock votes. It was apparent at this point that the Board did not understand the process well enough to make a decision. Greg will ask the Selectors and Hannah Lynn to clarify the process for the Board so they can make an informed decision.

NEISA had questions about requirements for AQ regattas as not all Conference Championships look the same. There are some conferences where there is such disparity between the top teams and that the AQ is a forgone conclusion and those teams' entire year looks different than the rest of the country's year. The President is going to ask the Competition Committee to look into AQ requirements and the Board asks the committee to look into the number of regattas required for eligibility at a championship.

- E. **Eligibility** - George was unavailable, they have one action in front of them that is pending regarding covering the costs of an international student's travel.
- F. **Hall of Fame** - Gail Turluck announced the 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees. Her report was made available on the website.
 - STUDENT LEADERSHIP - James Rousmaniere Award - Natalie Claire Manley
 - CAMPBELL FAMILY AWARD FOR LIFETIME SERVICE - Gail McCarthy Turluck
 - OUTSTANDING SERVICE – VOLUNTEER - Dana Anthony Magliola
 - MERITORIOUS SERVICE - George H. Griswold
- G. **Interconference Regattas** - Declan McGranahan noted that he did not have much since it had already been discussed.
- H. **Procedural Rules** - Geoff Pedrick noted that the updated rules were shared directly with the Board before the posting of the agenda. It was a fair bit of cleanup with the substantial changes being in the team racing section around ties. Geoff then went through the changes. The committee recommends that the PR's be updated yearly and not with the Olympic Quad. Charles Higgins moved that the Board approved the Procedural Rules as presented. **The motion was seconded and carried.**
- I. **TIDE** - No report was available

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:30 and reconvened at 1:15 with all members previously accounted for present.

X. Conference reports

- A. **MAISA** - Issac Clark reports that MAISA has had a good year, Navy is back up to two fleets, and they have also been working on the judges and umpire program. They are working on developing club teams and refining their team racing league.
- B. **MCSA** - Caroline Bielski reported that the MCSA had a good year as far as membership with a total of 32 teams. Financially they are very healthy. They are trying to get more interest in Match Racing and Team Racing.
- C. **NEISA** - Frank Pizzo report that NEISA had another strong year. Memberships are stable, they are excited to host nationals this week. They have been spending a lot of time and effort to develop umpires and an umpire payment schedule.
- D. **PCCSC** - Sadie Hoberman reports that things are good on the West Coast, they have 5 teams at Nationals this year. They are still working on the logistics of a conference that spans the entirety of the West Coast.
- E. **SAISA** - Dana Magliola reports that there were 30 active teams including 7 Cross Regional teams and one new fundament team. This was the first year of the SAISA Team Race program. SAISA hosted 56 events including 9 women's events and many teams traveling out of conference. SAISA introduced a new trophy for the SAISA Women's Fleet Race Championship. Next year is SAISA's 60th year. USF just received their new fleet of boats in preparation to host the **2025 Fleet Race**

Nationals May 19-26, 2025. Zlm has confirmed that they will provide a second fleet of 18 420s for that event.

- F. **SEISA** - Sophia Herrada reported that the conference membership has grown by 10% this year and they are working with some inactive teams to get them back on the water. Teams are also increasing in size. SEISA was proud to host the 2023 national and regionals with SEISA teams winning at both.

XI. Old Business

- A. **High-Risk Sport Designation** - Reed was absent to report but it was recommended that the Board re-approve the ICSA Safety Handbook or set a committee to update it. A letter has also been drafted for teams to take to their school reaffirming our commitment to safety. Greg Wilkinson proposed that we adopt this letter and post it on the website. **The motion was seconded and carried.**
- B. **Olympic Pathways** - Greg Wilkinson reported that there is a new leader of the Olympic Program and they are heads down in preparation for the 2024 games. Greg will meet with him some more this summer and will then work on forming a committee.

XII. New Business

- A. **(MCSA) Request for ICSA policy or ruleset outlining the expectations of regatta names.** - Caroline Bielski noted that in the past there have been issues with regatta names in MCSA and other conferences. MCSA would like to have a document that can be referenced when a team is told their regatta name needs to be changed. Discussion ensued as to how name changes should be handled, who decides what is an inappropriate name, etc. No action was taken.
- B. **Practice at a championship venue (addition to agenda #2)** - Dillon Paiva presented two options that the rules committee would like the group to consider and provide direction so they can formulate a rule to be voted on at the Winter Meeting. Not hearing a consensus from the group a straw poll was set up where 9 votes were recorded for option 2 and 0 votes for option 1. Dana asked about exemptions to the # of competition weekends for teams trying to arrange national's practice on a weekend. Discussion ensued as to why the rule was implemented and if it should be changed.
- C. **Distribution of Grade 1 Regattas (addition to agenda #3)** Jesse Andrews asked about how to even out the distribution of Grade 1 events to put at least 1 west of the Mississippi. Greg asked how can we mandate that an event be in a certain part of the country and then mandate that it would be competitive. There was a lengthy discussion as to what placing regattas around the country would do, is it going to collect teams just looking for points, or would it make them competitive or would it just end up being another in-conference regatta? Dana suggested mandating that teams wishing to qualify for nationals travel to three other conferences. Jesse acknowledged that a consensus was not going to happen at this meeting but asked the competition committee to look into distributing the events. **Greg will create an ad-hoc committee to look at the geographic competitive imbalance and conference realignment.**

- XIII. Report of the Nominating Committee - Dillion Paiva presented the slate as prepared by the nominating committee. He outlined the responsibilities of the committee and noted that in their role of bringing in outside parties to be involved committees per the By Laws they have failed. Names are not being sent to them by the Conference Commissioners. The By Laws restrict the actions of the Nominating Committee by only allowing them to fill gaps within a 15-day window after the nominations from the Conferences

have come in. It was suggested that we talk to the current outside directors and lean on them to network for us. Greg noted that we can work around the By Law requirement by doing the work and feeding the names to the Conference Commissioners to officially submit the names. Dillion moved the slate as presented. **The motion was seconded and carried.**

- XIV.** Schedule next meeting - The Semi-Annual (Winter) Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025. Meeting details are as follows, this serves as the official notice per the By-Laws.

0800 MST, Saturday, January 11, 2025

NewPark Resort, Wasatch Room, Park City, Utah/ZOOM

1456 Newpark Blvd, Park City UT 84098

Agenda Item's Due Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Written Reports & Proposals Due December 26, 2024

- XV.** Caroline asked that an annual review of the ICSA Director role be completed. Greg noted that the Executive Committee will take care of this.

- XVI.** Adjourn - the meeting was adjourned at 1503 local time.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle M. Richards
ICSA Graduate Secretary