



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

2024 Winter Meeting

0800 MST, Saturday, January 13, 2024

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

1456 Newpark Blvd, Park City UT 84098

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate President Chloe Beach from the University of Miami called the meeting to order at 0817 local time and welcomed the group to Utah. She then turned the meeting over to ICSA President Greg Wilkinson
- 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 at various points of the meeting. Their names are listed below the members of the Board for the records.

President:	Greg Wilkinson
Vice President:	Chloe Beach
Secretary:	Danielle Richards
Treasurer:	Tucker Blagden
MAISA Graduate:	Dan Thompson
MAISA Undergraduate	Spencer Kriegstein
MCSA Graduate:	Libby Reeg
MCSA Undergraduate:	Nadia Reynolds
NEISA Graduate:	David Thompson(Proxy)
NEISA Undergraduate:	Marbella Marlo
PCCSC Graduate:	Brad Schaupter
PCCSC Undergraduate:	Anna Morrow
SAISA Graduate:	Esteban Forrer (Proxy)
SEISA Graduate:	Jocelyn Rovniak
SEISA Undergraduate:	Sophia Herrada
At Large 1	Amy Backus
At Large 2	Joann Brislin (partial proxy by Justin Assad)
At Large Undergraduate	Kip Buck (joined mid-meeting)

Allison Jolly (USF Coach), Amanda Callahan (RWU Coach), Blair Overman (TIDE), Chris Klevan (STAN), Cori Radtke (BOW/TIDE), Declan McGranahan (Interconference Scheduler), Diana Weidenbacker (UNH), Dillon Paiva (NAVY), Dreugh Phillips (CNU), Gail McCarthy Turluck, Geoff Pedrick, Greg Fisher, Hannah Emmert (BU), Johnny Norfleet (TUFTS), Kate Feiner (PRN), Lisa Downey (MMA), Matt Lindblad (MIT), Michael Callahan (GTN), Michael O'Connor (HAR), Mitch Brindley (ODU), Molly Matthews (HWS), Nick Zomer, Preston

Anderson (TIDE), Rachael Silverstein (USF), Rebecca McElvain (DART), Scott Corder, Scott Ikle (HWS), Tara Foster, Zach Funci (FRD)

- III. **Additions to the Agenda** – Secretary Richards called for additions to the agenda. President Wilkinson requested that the All-American Committee Report update of the criteria for All-American Awards. **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.**
- IV. **Review & Approval of the May 22, 2023** – Danielle Richards presented the meeting minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting. **David Thompson motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes and moved to accept them as presented, Greg Wilkinson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.**
- V. **Executive Director's Report** – Reed Maltbie noted that the meeting packet made his full report available. His big project has been to streamline and document all of our processes so as individuals cycle off the board and committees there is no loss of history. A central drive on Google has been created to hold everything, a master calendar has been created and shared with the board and committee members.

He had also been working with US Sailing on their sponsorship agreement. US Sailing will now cover social media on-site at the spring nationals block and remote support at the other nationals. There is still ongoing discussion about streaming.

- VI. **President's Report** - Greg Wilkinson wanted to share what his thought process has been since taking office. He has been working on governance and making sure it is operating at a high level, especially since the implementation of ICSA 2020 and Beyond. There has been increased transparency, the creation of a home office, and creating a wider profile for our board and committee members. He noted that he is the first president with term limits, 6 one year terms, and wants to make sure that we realize the potential of the Executive Director. We also need to look at the Treasurer's report to make sure we are fully able to fund a central office. He hopes that when the next person takes office it doesn't feel like such a big step.

Greg explained how we were now using our expanded Zoom account to increase transparency and comply with their bylaws regarding the sharing and storage of committee meeting minutes.

Greg has been communicating with George, the owner of Starting Line Sailing, regarding the renewal of their Zim Sponsorship. They agreed to continue the partnership, which has been beneficial for ICSA with over \$10,000 returned in cash in the first year. They also discussed potential ways to increase support for college sailing, including expanding the percentage of gross sales returned to ICSA to include fleet purchases. Greg also mentioned a new partnership with US Sailing, which they believe will be beneficial for their organization. Greg emphasized the need for the board to take initiative and not rely on others to carry out tasks.

- VII. **Treasurer's Report** - Tucker Blagden joined the meeting via zoom. He presented a preliminary draft of the 2023 financials and a proposed budget for 2024. The draft financials had some unresolved issues such as unallocated sponsorship funds and expenses that needed to be correctly classified. Tucker also discussed the proposed 2024 budget, suggesting an increase in sponsorships and the need to track accounts receivable for both dues and sponsorship funds. The team also discussed the financial sustainability of hosting nationals and the ongoing financial support for the BUSA Tour from ICSA. Greg suggested scaling down the

organization's financial support to the BUSA Tour over the next 3 to 5 years. A special board meeting will be scheduled for February to finalize the 2024 budget.

- VIII. **Secretary's Report** - Danielle Richards reported that the By-Laws with the language approved at the previous two meetings were now updated and made available in the meeting packet and on the website. Conference reports are due February 15th and must include teams and their participation records in each discipline, conference leadership & committee appointments, and a full financial report. Any conference needing help with the team participation report should contact Danielle before February to get that started.

Greg Wilkinson noted on the governance aspect that the meeting minutes for this meeting will be available on the ICSA website two weeks after the meeting. When Greg asked Danielle to take on the Secretary role he asked her to write down all of the things that she does and they pulled out everything that the secretary should do and reassigned the rest of the responsibilities. She has also moved all of her ICSA files to Google Drive and is sharing the folders with the appropriate committees to add to.

IX. **Standing Committee Reports**

- A. **All-Academic Sailing Team** - Dan Thompson noted that the report was submitted in the meeting packet. The majority of declined submissions were due to not meeting the requirements. David Thompson asked how we can make the committee announcements more timely. Ideally, it would be announced no later than June 1, however, this would be a problem for quarter-school students. There would need to be a change to the criteria to accomplish this. Dan said some adjustments could be made to accomplish this. Greg asked if it would undermine the award if we lost the final semester/trimester/two quarters. Amy stated that many awards don't include the last transcript so the announcement of the honorees can happen during the academic year. **Greg solicited a motion from the board to direct the All-Academic Committee to rewrite the criteria to make it possible to announce the award during the academic year. Danielle Richards moved the motion, it was seconded and carried.**
- B. **Greg asked for a motion to approve the Executive Director, President, and Secretary reports. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.**
- C. **All-American Selection Committee** - Geoff Pedrick presented on behalf of the committee. He noted that the committee does not usually meet in the fall but to develop best practices that did not require the institutional knowledge of individuals they needed to sort those out before their spring workload. The criteria for selection were deemed to be out of date and based on college sailing 15 years ago. The updated criteria reflect the way spring regatta participation now happens with the CSR rankings, the focus on more conference events, more definition for leadership in the crew awards, and the expansion of women's sailing. During their conversations, the committee focused on making sure the criteria were creating a performance-based award in all elements. **Spencer Kriegstein motions to accept the revised All-American Selection Criteria as presented. The motion was seconded and carried. Greg then asked for a motion from the board to have the number of women's skipper honorees match the number of open skipper honorees to take effect in spring 2024.** Discussion ensued over the percentage of women's skippers to women's honorees. **The motion was seconded and carried.** A follow-up discussion was held about best practices and transparency going forward and the need for coaches to not be announcing the nationals.
- D. **Communications Committee** - Cori Radtke presented on behalf of the committee. There was a summary of 2023's activities and reach. A viral reel from the spring nationals is still gaining viewers

and many of those from well outside the sailing community. The committee is looking for a Sports Information Director to join the committee, Greg W. asks the room to recommend individuals (Dartmouth, Harvard, and Hobart & William Smith all raised hands). Cori presented their first proposal to fund a social media freelance position to cover all ICSA National Championships so that our supporters can stay on top of what is happening at the event. Greg clarified that US Sailing has agreed to cover that position at the Spring Nationals block, however, this year team racing is not a part of that block. **Cori modified the proposal to cover \$4680 to fund the day rate plus expenses for a social media freelance position for the team race nationals with day rate and expenses.** Greg highlighted that we have not passed a 2024 budget yet and will not until the Special Meeting in February so even if this is approved today the board may not be able to fund it. Tucker added that he did have a line item for these costs that is dependent on the full \$25,000 sponsorship coming in so we may be able to fund it. **The motion was seconded and carried.**

Cori presented the second **motion to fund the day rate plus expenses for a social media freelance position for the Fall ICSA National Championships (Open/Women's Singlehanded, Match Race) at a total of \$4,860. The motion was seconded and carried.**

- E. **Competition Committee - Chris Klevan presented on behalf of the committee. He explained how they staggered the terms of the selectors on the Women's and Open Singlehanded and Match Race National Championship Selection** so that the entire group doesn't time off at once. There is one member of that committee who does the lion's share of the work by processing all of the data for the selectors to work with. It's the recommendation of the chair that Hannah Lynn be flown to the Winter Meeting every year by the ICSA to speak on her work and organization. **A motion was made to allocate \$600 to cover airfare for Hannah to attend the Winter Meeting.** Discussion ensued over the merits of that expense when we have a Zoom option. **The motion was seconded and failed.**

Chris then explained that due to a technical error 2025 (and beyond), championship bids were unable to be submitted until approximately 6 weeks ago. He recommends that we give it another month to solicit more bids. Greg asked what had been received. Mission Bay Yacht Club has submitted two bids, one for team racing and one for fleet racing, Dartmouth College has submitted one for team racing, and USF/Eckerd has submitted one for fleet racing at the former Magnuson Hotel site. The current conditions indicate that the deadline to submit a bid has passed. **Greg asked for a motion to extend the deadline. The motion was seconded and failed.**

Chris & Greg then went over the existing bids and their faults. The Championship Committee cannot recommend a single host for all events. There are concerns about Mission Bay's ability to put together a fleet suitable for fleet racing and there is no second fleet on site. **The Board has the power to and needs to make a one-time amendment to the Championship Conditions 1.1 to allow the team race nationals to happen on weekend 13. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.**

Chris went over the two-team race bids. UCSD/MBYC recently hosted the Hinman by pairing boats of the same vintage, however, if multiple boats break then you lose the matched groups. Their ability to borrow boats for the Hinman indicates that they will likely be able to do the same here. Dartmouth has new 420s and a newish facility. They are a regular provided-boat hosting site. Danielle set up a head-to-head vote for the team race national's venue. **Dartmouth's bid took the vote, 9-8.**

Chris then went over the fleet race bids. This first bid is from UCSD/MBYC, and the second is from USF/ECK. There is the same concern about boats from UCSD/MBYC. The USF/ECK bid says women's and the pier. Rachel Silverstein states that the bid is meant to be at the former Magnuson hotel site. Eckerd will supply the second fleet of 420's and race support boats. Greg asks to table the vote until we can receive clarification from Allison on the actual venue.

The competition committee requests that the board change the conditions for match racing 9.3.2 to read "Stage 1 Round Robin results will carry over to Stage 2 in both the Gold round and the Repechage." The motion was seconded and carried.

The Board adjourned for lunch from 1155-1230

- F. **Eligibility Committee** - George was unable to join, but Greg shared the report on their behalf. He summarized questions 1 and 3 before spending some time on question 2. Question 2 had not been reviewed by the whole committee at the time of the report's submission. Greg then asked the committee to review question 2 and they were unable to come to a consensus by the time of this meeting. A question was asked about a Fall 2023 event in Fall 2023 and will stand for Fall 2023 eligibility but before it goes to the Executive Committee for review we would like to hear from the Board. The Rose Bowl is exempted from Season Limits but that does not line up with Student-Athlete eligibility. In the appendix that lists events that are exempt from competition event weekend counts, does that same rule apply to eligibility? This will go to the Executive Committee for a decision.
- G. **Interconference Regattas** - Danny Thompson thanked Declan McGranahan for joining as the Interconference Scheduler. It is very important to have someone in charge of scheduling who does not have a vested interest in the decision. The 2024 schedule was out almost on time, conferences are finally getting up to speed on the new deadlines.

The committee asks that the Procedural Rules Committee be directed to look at PRs related to scheduling, Greg asks Danny to go back to the committee and provide language and options for each rule they would like changed so it can be voted on and sent to the Procedural Rules Committee for implementation. Danny asks about 2021 and Beyond berth allocation rules and how that is handled when there are not enough events. Every conference is supposed to be provided with a team race berth on each team race weekend and right now several weekends don't have enough. Discussion ensued as to the merits of both the current rule and the problem of there being only one event on a weekend.

The ICSA Scheduling Committee proposes changing the drop deadline for ICSA Cross-Regional and Regional events from the Friday one month before the event to the Wednesday one month before, two days earlier than the current rule. Effective August 1st, 2024. Discussion ensued as to the history of the current timeline and the merits of moving up two days effectively gains a week on the process. This is being sent back to the committee to refine with the Procedural Rules Committee for approval at the annual meeting.

Danielle moved to accept the Scheduling Committee report, Danny Thompson seconded, and the motion carried.

- H. **Procedural Rules** - Greg noted that their report was submitted a bit late and was added to the agenda by the Board this morning. It is posted with the meeting documents. Geoff Pedrick then took over. He explained that they are not looking for adoption here but review for approval at the Annual Meeting. The majority of the changes are to bring us more in line with US Sailing rules where appropriate. There was minimal discussion and Greg stressed that this is not being voted on today.

There was a lengthy discussion within the committee about the use of smart watches and they wanted input from the board on how to regulate them. The committee wants sailors to be able to sail with them but not use the GPS function. A straw poll was taken and the consensus was to not allow the GPS function to be used while racing but there was concern about how to police it.

Geoff asked about redress vs breakdown and whether we need to deviate from the RRS. Greg explained that the delineation is because we wanted to be able to modify the penalties and the RRS does not allow that within their definition.

Danielle moved to accept the Procedural Rules Committee Report, the motion was seconded and carried.

- I. **Competition Committee Part 2** - Allison Jolly joined the call at this time to clarify the location for the USF/ECK bid. Allison met with the new owners of the Magnuson Hotel site and they were supportive. It is now called the Sky Beach Resort. In the off chance that this falls through they will revert to the Pier. The Mission Bay Bid and USF Bid were then voted on with the **USF bid being selected as the 2025 Fleet Race Nationals venue.**
- J. **Hall of Fame Committee** - Gail Turluck indicated that the committee is preparing for the 2025 nominations. The deadline is April 15, 2024 at 11:59pm. She stressed the need for Conference Commissioners to share and remind members of the deadline. She asked if the announcement should be a virtual presentation (zoom or other). Greg asked that she take that back to the committee for a committee meeting discussion. **There was a motion and a second to accept the report. The motion carried.**
- K. **TIDE Committee** - Cori Radtke encouraged everyone to review the 2022 Culture and Demographics survey, she stressed the importance of everyone participating in their surveys as this information is very important to the committee's work. She then turned the presentation over to Blair Overman. Blair stated that the committee voted to create a recruitment document for all college teams to help get more diverse participants on their teams. They have other resources that they want to create but they are starting with that. Teams are encouraged to submit ideas. Second, they have proposed an education segment called "A Long Talk" for the teams to participate in. Greg apologized that this has stalled with him while ICSA figures out its budget and financial state. If it's \$10,000 it will likely be on hold if it's free we will implement it today. Greg asked for a recommendation from the Committee as to what to pay them. Tucker added that if this is very important to ICSA we could vote to dip into our investment account. **Greg motioned that we allocate \$4,000 and empower the TIDE Committee to set dates for implementation. The motion was seconded and approved.**
- X. **Conference reports** (presented by respective Conference representative)

- A. **MAISA** - Dan Thompson reported that MAISA is very healthy with some club teams struggling with admin turnover.
- B. **MCSA** - Libby Reeg report that MCSA is healthy and in a very good state compared to a few years ago. Teams have indicated that they need help with fundraising. They are struggling with hosting Match Race events due to timing and weather. Libby is stepping down as Commissioner next week at their Annual Meeting.
- C. **NEISA** - David Thompson reported that they are stable. Several teams are investing in more coaching and updating fleets and infrastructure. They are working on umpire education and utilizing technology better.
- D. **PCCSC** - Anna Morrow reported that the PCCSC is starting to recover from a loss of teams during COVID-19. As a very geographically spread area, they are trying to balance getting competitive events with travel costs.
- E. **SAISA** - Esteban Forrer reports that things are going well, with 30 active teams and with growth in women's team racing
- F. **SEISA** - Sophia Herrada reports that like PCCSC teams are starting to rebound after the Covid shutdown.

XI. **Old Business**

- A. High-Risk Sport Designation - Danielle reported that Chloe Beach has drafted a letter for schools to use with their administration to better explain what we do and the safety measures in place. Danielle recommended that a committee be created to review and update the Safety Practices Handbook so it is current and a valuable document for teams to take to their administrators. Reed and Tucker are working with the Insurance Company to be told what is the best to do. Greg appointed those four to work further on this.
- B. Olympic Pathways - Mitch Brindley created the committee with members to be appointed by Greg. Greg has let it slip through the cracks but is working with US Sailing on it now.
- C. BUSA Tour - The Board has requested a written report with financials to be submitted for review at the Special Board Meeting in February.

XII. **New Business**

- A. **David Thompson proposes that PR 25d(i) and (ii) is changed to no sail off when teams have the same record. If a three-way tie is unbreakable there should be a single 3 team round and if there is still an unbreakable tie then it should go to points. Danny Thompson seconded the motion.** Discussion ensued as to whether this brought us closer in line with US Sailing or if that mattered. This would get wordsmithed by the Rules Committee for approval in May. **The motion passes.**
- B. **David Thompson proposes that the ICSA defines a team racing regatta be complete if 80% of the first round robin is sailed. Danny Thompson seconded the motion.** There is currently no definition of a team race regatta in the procedural rules and US Sailing has adopted an 80% rule. Discussion ensued, Geoff Pedrick asked for clarification on the intent. David stated that it is so all team race events are following the same rule. Zach Runci asked if it was to be used to advance rounds or just count a regatta. David stated that the intent was just to end a regatta. It was noted that this already exists in the Championship Conditions. Chris Klevan indicated that the Championship Committee is in favor of this motion. **The motion passes.**

- C. David Thompson asks the ICSA Rules committee to create a rule saying 'the first reasonable opportunity for a boat to spin after fouling at Mark 1 or in that zone is after Mark 2 (Offset)'. **Danny Thompson seconded the motion.** The timeliness of this varies deeply depending on the umpire making the call. The intent is to standardize the time. This topic was discussed during the coaches' conference. Geoff asks what inconsistencies we are seeing from judges. Greg said that some allow it and some don't and we want them to not have a choice. **The motion fails.**
- D. **David Thompson asks the ICSA Board of Directors to change the National Championship Conditions for the 2024 ICSA Spring National Championships. Change Championship Condition 11: Replace 10:00 am with 10:30 am, Greg made a friendly amendment that this is only for 2024. The motion was seconded.** Mike O'Conner explained that this has to do with traffic and teams getting into the city. It should have minimal impact on the racing schedule. Boston rush hour traffic could be 90+ minutes. This is only for fleet racing nationals. **The motion passes.**
- E. **Brad Schaupter proposes at least one Grade 1 regatta per academic year and before national championship selection for the discipline in which the regatta pertains to each conference. Danielle seconded the motion.** This was brought by Andy Johnson from Hawaii, currently, grade 1 regattas are located in MAISA in NEISA and constitute a significant travel cost for the other conferences. There is a growing lack of parity in ICSA and this is an easy way to adjust that. This only applies to fleet racing as the CSR only applies there. Greg reminded everyone that the CSR has one use and explained the whole process. **The motion fails. The competition committee is directed to create guidance for what elevates a regatta to a Grade 1 event and a case study of Grade 1 events and the CSR.**
- XIII. Appointment of the Nominating Committee - Greg made appointments to the Nominating Committee. It will be chaired by Chloe Beach, Jocelyn Rovniak, Dillon Paiva, Mitch Brindley, and Joann Brislin.
- XIV. The Annual Meeting will be May 19, 2024 in the Boston area at a location and time to be determined.
- XV. The meeting was adjourned at 1419 local time.

Voting Tally:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1niKONCmPDJ-1zrHVqB8dEHfu6jCLvlp8i2p3Zh370k/edit#gid=0>

Morning Session Recording:

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Afternoon Session Recording:

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