



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

2025 Annual Meeting

1200 EDT, Monday, May 19, 2025

Blackistone, Anne Arundel Hall, St. Mary's College of Maryland/ZOOM

47407 Old State House Rd, St Marys City, MD 20686

MINUTES

Voting Spreadsheet

- I. **Call to Order** - Undergraduate President (proxy) Ryan Ingram from Texas A&M University called the meeting to order at 1203 local time. He 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 (in person)
Vice President:	Ryan Ingram (proxy)
Secretary:	Danielle Richards(in person)
Treasurer:	Tucker Blagden (zoom)
MAISA Graduate:	Dan Thompson (zoom)
MAISA Undergraduate	Ellie Alex (zoom)
MCSA Graduate:	Caroline Bielski (in person)
MCSA Undergraduate:	Caroline Henry (in person)
NEISA Graduate:	David Thompson (in person)
NEISA Undergraduate:	Sarah Moeder
PCCSC Graduate:	Brad Schaupeter (zoom)
PCCSC Undergraduate:	Hudson Mayfield (zoom)
SAISA Graduate:	Esteban Forrer (proxy) (in person)
SAISA Undergraduate:	Benjamin Usher (zoom)
SEISA Graduate:	Joe Hanko (zoom)

Annika Ekholm, Casey Cignac, Chris Klevan, Cori Radtke, Dana Magliola, Declan McGranahan, Dillon Paiva, Dreugh Phillips, Evan Clayton, Geoff Pedrick, Greg Fisher, Isaac Clark, Jack Duffy, Joakim Karlsen, Joann Brislin, Joe Slipper, John Mollicone, Julian Stauffer, Justin Assad, Lior Lavie, Lisa Downey, Makalynne Dyer, Matt Lindblad, Mitch Brindley, Molly Matthews, Ned Goss, Nick Johnston, Nick Zomer, Patrick Di Lalla, Scott Corder, Zack Leonard

- III. **Additions to the Agenda** – Secretary Richards called for additions to the agenda. Greg Wilknsn asked that there be an adjustment to the schedule due to the competitive landscape and the growth of team racing.

Caroline Bielski asked that a discussion on a future By Laws change to quarterly Board meetings be added to the agenda.

IV. Review & Approval of the January 11, 2025 Minutes – Danielle Richards presented the meeting minutes from the 2025 Winter Meeting. It was M/S/C to dispense with reading the minutes and accept them as presented.

V. President's Report - Greg Wilkinson started off with a summary of the current sponsorships. There have been no changes since the last meeting, and we continue to enjoy strong support from our sponsors. Our relationship with Starting Line Sailing has been expanded to 2030, and this summer, we should see the first payment based on that new agreement.

At the winter meeting, the National Championship Selectors ran a mock selection to show how selection works and increase transparency in that process. A report will be published after the National Championships about this year's process.

The bulk of his winter work was spent on identifying a new Executive Director, and he introduced Peter Fanta as the new ED. He reviewed the process of how we hired him from listing the job on the D1 Ticker as well as Sail 1Design, our mailing lists, and Scuttlebutt. We had a wide variety of applicants from college sports directors, to coaches, parents, and alumni. He thanked Joanne Brislan for her extensive work on developing a process for narrowing down applicants, screening applications, and finalizing the hiring process. We hired Peter part-time starting in April and full-time after the National Championships. Peter Fanta introduced himself, gave a summary of his qualifications, and explained what he hopes to start tackling first.

VI. Treasurer's Report (Blagden) - Tucker went over the draft financials. We are late in billing our dues this year, and that is reflected in the report. Our insurance had an increase, and he is working with Chubb to see if we can get that coverage down to the regional conferences. Our balance sheet shows a sizable balance; we have not paid the host schools for their National Championships expenses. Accounts receivable show a balance still owed by SEISA. He is working with Greg and the conference to get that resolved. They have a new Conference Commissioner who hopes to have the balance sorted by the end of summer.

Tucker would like to get more regular meetings of the Budget Committee, clean up the A/R, Winter Meeting expenses, and finalize the dues billings. He would also like to complete a review of the championship fees and the dues to make sure we are where we should be.

Social media and broadcast coverage costs for national championships are significant, with a proposed budget of approximately \$17,000 for spring nationals. Discussion on whether to fund media coverage through entry fees or sponsorships to avoid increasing dues. Some hosts provide streaming at no cost, while others face challenges with costs and logistics. The importance of sponsor fulfillment and brand awareness through media coverage was highlighted.

VII. Secretary's Report (Richards) - Danielle reported that she picked up the All American certificates from Reed and will get the delinquent certificates out this week before passing the supplies over to Peter to handle going forward.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **All-Academic Sailing Team (Bresnahan)** - Jeff indicated that the 2025 nominating period will open in about 1-2 weeks. We just need the sailor's name as it appears in Techscore and their transcript. Sailors are encouraged to self-nominate.

His recommendation for 2026 and beyond is to change the GPA to a 3.4, see how that goes, and potentially move to 3.5 in 2027. He feels that those increases would make us more in line with other sports. There should also be a consideration to require an appearance at the ACC's and/or one of the National Championships.

A motion was made to increase the GPA from a 3.3 to a 3.4 cumulative GPA for the 2026 Academic year. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to require an appearance at the ACC's and/or one of the National Championships as a member of the roster. This would include the Regional Team Championship but not the Kennedy Cup. The motion was not seconded. Greg suggested working with the Conference Members to flesh this aspect out more for the Winter Meeting.

- B. **All-America Selection Committee (Healy)** - Charles Higgings presented for Bill. The Committee has narrowed down its selection and feels prepared to make its announcements at the end of the Championships. There has been discussion about overhauling the criteria and how sailors are selected to reflect changes in our competition schedule. The availability of events and the diversity of events have changed drastically in the past 20 years. There are far fewer opportunities for the top sailors to meet in head-to-head match-ups.

Greg is going to appoint a Committee to work on changing the criteria. He will pull members from the All-American Committee and broader representation from the Board. This would be for a motion at the Winter Meeting and implementation in 2026.

- C. **Communications and Website (Radtke)** - Cori summarized her presentation that was posted ahead of the meeting. The Committee is still actively looking for participants, particularly for PCCSC and SEISA, but also for more support from the Conferences in general. It's not all graphic design; they need copy editors, website management, project management, video, photography, etc. She reminded everyone that if there is any photography at events that hosts put a note about that in the NOR/Sailing Instructions so those photos can be used.

In 2024 the Board approved to have someone on the ground at the fall championships but not the spring championships because there was a promised sponsor contract that was supposed to cover that but never happened. We have been lucky to have people volunteer to cover the spring events but that is not a given and we need to better plan for that coverage. She has been working on a document to better prepare the hosts for working with the Communications Committee and providing coverage at the Championships.

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media coverage through entry fees or sponsorships to avoid increasing dues. Some hosts provide streaming at no cost, while others face challenges with costs and logistics. The importance of sponsor fulfillment and brand awareness through media coverage was highlighted. This is going to be referred to the Budget Committee to review and provide a plan. Significant discussion ensued as to who's responsibility media coverage is and is providing a live stream a requirement.

- D. **Competition Committee (Clark)** - Isaac quickly provided a summary of the work the Committee has accomplished this spring. They reviewed the championship documents, oversaw the selection process, and approved event officials.
1. Match Racing Format Change - They have been working with the US Sailing Match Racing Committee to standardize our events with how national and international events are being run. The first change is that our average weight limits for a crew of 3-4 is different than a crew of 4-5. They adjusted it to be an average weight of 165 lbs. The format change is to stage 2 to make it more in line with US and International formats. This would reduce the regatta from three days to two. **A motion was made to accept these changes. The motion was seconded and passed.**
 2. Open and Women's Fleet Race Selection Change: 6.7.2. Selectors may add teams to the Ranking Group with an 80% majority vote. The CC proposes changing 6.7.2 to 60% instead of 80% to allow for teams not already in the field due to the CSR to be more easily added to the Ranking Group. This change would also match the addition of % in team racing. **The motion was seconded and passed.**
 3. Open and Women's Team Race Entry Fee Change: The CC proposes an increase to the Women's and Open Team Race Entry fees to help pay for race coverage. Usually, the coverage is more expensive than the entirety of the entry fees, which does not leave any money for assist with all other expenses. **Greg referred this to the Budget Committee.**
 4. Open and Women's Fleet Race Entry Fee Change: The CC proposes increasing Women's and Open Fleet Race Championship Entry Fees by \$100 or another amount acceptable to the board. This increase would allow hosts to pay for a charter fleet from sponsor Zim Sailing in the event they only had one fleet of 18 boats. **Greg referred this to the Budget Committee.**
 5. Open and Women's Team Race Format Change Purpose: The Committee was tasked at expanding the Women's Championship and standardizing the format for both. They worked diligently with the Navy Coaches who run the most 16 team TR events. The big question was what happens if we lose 1 day? The ICSA Competition Committee cannot recommend the format shortening and expansion to the Open and Women's Team Race National Championship without a comprehensive national change to the Open and Women's Team Race schedules. The selectors are also calling for more head-to-head events to compare teams. **A motion was made to appoint a TR Scheduling Committee to address selectors' concerns about the lack of a national component to our scheduling process. CMTE to report to the board by the end of summer with a proposal that can be implemented in Spring 26. The motion was seconded and passed.**
 6. Championship Bids and Status Updates
 - a) 2025 Match Race Nationals - USF
 - b) 2025 Singlehanded Nationals - Old Dominion University

- c) 2026 Team Race Nationals Bid - Tulane. **A motion was made to host the Spring 2026 Team Race Champs at Tulane/Southern YC: April 23-25 (O) / 26-27 (W). The motion was seconded and passed.**
- d) 2026 Fleet Race Nationals - USF
- e) 2026 Match Race Nationals - USC/Balboa Yacht Club
- f) 2026 Singlehanded Nationals - Fordham/American YC
- g) 2027 Team Race/ Fleet Race Nationals Bid - **U.S. Naval Academy. A motion was made to host the spring 2027 Nat'l Champs @ Navy; TR 4/29-5/3; Women's FR 5/18-21; Open FR 6/1-4. The motion was seconded and passed.**

E. **Eligibility** - No report was provided

F. **Hall of Fame (Turluck)** - Gail was unable to be on the call. Danielle read off the 2026 award recipients. Individuals present on the call were recognized. Ned Goss, the Graham Hall award recipient, said a few words.

G. **Interconference Regattas (McGranahan)** - Declan summarized the previously distributed report. The goal is to have three seasons of the schedule available at the Annual Meeting. He thanked the committee members for their efforts.

1. New No-Show/Late Drop penalty for out-of-conference intersectional. Greg tasked the committee with looking at the no-show late drop penalty. The committee presented four proposals. Option 1 would set the penalty to two competition weekends; Option 2 gives the President flexibility to add or subtract weekends. A straw poll was conducted between options 1 and 2, with option 2 receiving almost unanimous approval. **Option 2, allowing the President to set the penalty, was moved, seconded, and passed.**
2. New second team policy for Cross-Regional and Regional Regattas. **A motion was made to change PR 6 allow for up to 2 teams per school at Regional events. The motion was seconded and passed. A second motion was made to change PR 6 to remove allowance for 2nd [women's] team at Cross-regional events. The motion was seconded and carried.**

H. **Procedural Rules (Paiva)** - Dillion summarized the already distributed report. There are several action items that were broken down into individual motions.

1. Procedural Rule 4 - This committee met and went line by line in the Procedural Rules to decide which category each rule should fall under c. The committee agreed to "lock" almost every rule with a few exceptions i. 18.d.ii - time limit for boats over 19 ft in length ii. Appendices F and G - Expedited Protest Procedure and Guidelines for Umpire Debriefs d. These changes to PR 4 also meant that old PR 18.f.iii was redundant.
2. Increasing wind minimum to 4 knots under PR 18.g, left all other language in the section the same
3. 14 Race Maximum at events where more than one conference are in attendance
 - a) This seemed like an easy concept, however the number of races we sail was tied into our rules for rotation of boats. It took a significant re-write of PR 21 in order to accomplish our goal
 - b) Old PR 18.f.i (10 race maximum on a single day) was moved to be underneath PR 21 where it fit better

- c) Old PR 22.a (minimum requirements for an official regatta) was moved to be underneath PR 21 where it fit better
- 4. Taking a penalty around windward marks a. This was also inserted into new PR 21 b. Used language from the 2024 Olympics Sailing Instructions

A motion was made to accept the redline changes presented in the report for items 1-4. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to delete Rule 26 was presented. The motion was seconded, and there was minimal discussion. The motion failed.

Jib pumping guidelines As the committee was working on adding the jib pumping guidelines into PR Appendix E (Guidelines for on the Water Judging) we realized that this language might fit better into the separate document created by Matt Knowles that is published under the ICSA resources ICSA Rule 42 Guidelines. After looking at both these documents the rules committee would like permission to reconcile these two documents into one single document so judges are not going back and forth between two documents that are similar but not the same. **A motion was made to direct the committee to develop a new Rule 42 guideline document. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Item 6 was to approve a damage chart for team racing, This originally came up as a request from a frequent collegiate team race umpire so that collisions resulting in damage could be handled with consistency across the ICSA. At the winter meeting, the committee asked the board if this would be something they would want to include for team racing, board voted yes but with little to no discussion on what should be included or how harsh penalties should be. The chart the committee have presented accomplishes the goal of having consistency across all ICSA team races but their discussions also circled back to some similar questions as above i. What is the goal of this rule? ii. Is it working?

A motion was made to accept the draft of the Procedural rules with the exception of the damage chart. The motion was seconded and passed.

- IX. Conference reports were presented by the members present. Schools and teams seem to be rebounding now that we are a full cycle away from COVID 19 changes. Several schools either have new fleets or are expecting new fleets for the fall. Competition levels are increasing, there is more demand for team racing events and spring fleet racing events for the Regional Championship level teams.
- X. Old Business
 - A. Olympic Pathways (Wilkinson) - Greg continues to work with Rosie and Marcus and it is time for him to appoint an Olympic pathway committee so he will endeavor to get to that within a month.
 - B. Ad-hoc committee to look at the geographic competitive imbalance and conference realignment. - This has been on the agenda for a couple meetings now and Greg believes the reason this is there is based on the fact that our conferences are set up like 100% regionally with no like no consideration of competition competitive strength anything else going on so you know in a lot of times in college athletics conferences are formed because of some kind of like interest it's becoming in college athletics now seems to becoming more competitive based kind of seems like

it used to be more based on what the schools were like but now with conference realignment it's like who wants to compete against one another but ours are just like drawn boundaries and it does say in our bylaws that they are intended to be geographical there's no way around that so I think this comes from the idea that I think we just have to be honest like as we look around the country there are like there are conferences where there's one or two teams that stand out as being very different than the rest specifically in you know in SEISA you know Tulane is the one varsity program other programs are headed that direction but there's such a massive difference between Tulane and the other teams we see that a little bit in the Pacific Coast with Stanford and Hawaii versus you know the other teams. Greg will commit to forming an ad hoc committee on this that can give us some type of report in January. He'll do it in the coming weeks.

XI. New Business

- A. **Championship Conditions change to clarify that Presidential approval is required for the entire slate, including AQ teams, not just the at-large teams selected.** At the beginning of the championship conditions, it currently states that the president is to approve the at-large teams that are selected. Greg feels very strongly that the president needs to approve the entire slate. It happens every season, for example, this year he had to help a conference police its conference championship and basically say hey that's not a conference championship and they had to re-sail their conference championship to earn their automatic qualifying spot. This should be clarified in the conditions. **A motion was made to clarify that presidential approval is required for the entire slate, including AQ teams. The motion was seconded and passed.**
- B. **TR Scheduling change to adapt to Selection (Competition Committee)** - This was addressed in the Competition Committee Report.
- ~~C. Review and Edits of Drone Policy from Winter Meeting 2019 (NEISA, Thompson)~~
- ~~D. Discussion of contact and damage across ICSA (NEISA, Thompson)~~
- E. **Moving the ICSA Annual Meeting to mid-June (NEISA, Thompson)** - Dan suggested that the meeting move to mid-June to allow committee work and discussions to happen outside of the season before the meeting. This would require a By-Law change, so this is just a discussion to see if the By-Law change should be brought forward in January. Danielle pointed out that with the timeline requirements in the By-Laws for meeting procedures, this will land some deadlines in the middle of Nationals. If we truly want this out of the season, the meeting should be in mid-July. There was discussion about having three or four meetings a year instead of two. There was no consensus at the meeting, but it was suggested to take the discussion offline to prepare a motion for January.
- F. **Change the Rose Bowl Regatta from Promotional to Interconference and grade regatta (President Wilkinson)** - Greg motioned to move the Rose Bowl Regatta out of Promotion status to Interconference Status so it can be graded and give the west coast another graded event. **The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made to Designate Rose Bowl as Grade 1 for 2026 & direct the Competition Committee to regrade it going forward based more on 2026 than historical, but factor in historical. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made to designate the Rose Bowl as Regional for 2026. Going forward in 2027 & beyond, base it on**

standard procedure. The motion was seconded and passed. Lastly, a motion was made to retain the Rose Bowl exception to season limits (PR A2(c)(iii)) for 2026. The motion was seconded and passed.

G. **Scholarships (USF)** - Rachel and Allison presented a proposal from the USF Athletic Department to change PR 12(e) regarding scholarships. They explained that their athletic department didn't hold the sailing team on the same level as the other sports because they don't offer scholarships, and that diminishes the experience those student athletes have. Their athletes are considered walk-ons, so any sort of additional benefits, like academic incentives or out-of-state tuition waivers they're not eligible for, even though they were recruited to come to USF for sailing, so they don't have the full experience. **Greg appointed a committee of Mike Callahan (chair), Allison Jolly, Joanne Breslin, Adam Werblow, Caroline Bielski, and Peter Fanta to research what adding scholarships would look like for our teams, whether we would gain or lose programs, and whether we would gain or lose varsity programs.** He challenged the committee to come up with as objective as possible ways to try to gather that information, and the way they gather that information might be to come back and say we need to hire a consultant to figure this out.

XII. Report of Nominating Committee - Greg Wilkinson reported on behalf of the committee. They have not received enough nominations from the membership to name anyone other than the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Greg asked that all board members send their nominations to Rebecca McElvain, the Nominating Committee Chair, as soon as possible so that a slate can be voted in before the end of June.

XIII. Schedule next meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ICSA Board is on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 0800 in Park City, Utah. As indicated earlier in the meeting, two special meetings of the Board will need to be scheduled in June and August to wrap up business before the fall season.

XIV. Adjourn - Undergraduate Vice President Ryan Ingram adjourned the meeting at 1800.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle M. Richards
ICSA Graduate Secretary