



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

September 2021 Board Meeting

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### **A G E N D A**

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#### **I. Call to order (Morrow) 8:06 PM EST**

Thank you to our expanded Board.

#### **II. Roll Call (Clarke)**

#### **III. Additions to the agenda (Clarke)**

TIDE Update - trying to continue engagement with conferences.

#### **IV. Proposal from NEISA President to expand the current post-baccalaureate eligibility waiver to include the classes of 2022 and 2023. (Anderson)**

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“Recognizing the unique challenges resulting from the COVID-19 global pandemic and specific impacts to intercollegiate athletics in general and the ICSA in particular, the ICSA authorizes a one-time waiver to members of the 2023 Class to compete as a full time graduate student or full time undergraduate student pursuing a second bachelor’s degree, full time post-bachelor’s certificate during the 2023-2024 academic year, provided the student remains at the institution which conferred their first bachelor’s degree. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, no other provision of PR 12 C Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Limit is changed by this waiver.”

Explanation: This is an expansion of the current policy to current Junior and Seniors, close out those with less eligibility due to COVID. Last Spring we ran into an issue where this is only for universities with Graduate schools so not everywhere can take advantage of it but

we are trying to make the most we can out of a horrible situation, so giving something back should be considered. This current waiver is post-bac work, 2nd undergrad or post-bac certificate for 2021 and this would expand to include 2022 and 2023.

***Move to accept the written proposal to extend the current waiver to Class of 2022 and 2023.***

***Higgins - Second***

***Motion Passes (15 yes, 1 no, 1 absent)***

#### **V. Update on ICSA Covid Medical Advisory Panel recommendations and attestation forms. (Wilkinson)**

Update: The mechanism of compliance has been challenging in some cases but Mitch has taken upon himself to ensure teams competing are in compliance with the guidance. There is no update to guidance from the last meeting. They will publish updates but not non-updates. Some of the challenges have been administrators that are prohibited from signing, but the attestation has been extended to work with team leadership, in a small number of cases. In instances of blatant disregard of the policy, it would meet Misconduct Hearing Grounds, RRS 35 would apply. Based upon feedback, the Panel will post renewals saying there is no update, to assist with administrator clarity. Thank you for the time and effort from the Panel, great engagement and leadership Greg. It's been a bear.

#### **VI. Request from Brown University to return the name and classification of the ICSA Men's Singlehanded Championship to Open from Men's. (Brindley)**

Kalin: Our sport currently has coed and women's divisions which is pretty consistent in all disciplines with this as the lone event. New England changed it to be a monotype with no gender specification as this event created Title IX problems at Brown and a potential for problems elsewhere. It is in our best interest to return to an Open Championship and have the name reflect it.

Mollicone: As College Sailing newest Varsity program with recent elevation, there certainly have been a lot of growing pains although it has been really good. One thing that happened is that Gen Counsel, Compliance and the AD all feel violating its current form is violating Title IX rules. The lone men's event is a violation of Title IX by nature of not being open to females. If Nationals are titled "Men's" NEISA representatives 1 and 4 cannot compete. The only way for Brown to compete is the name change.

***Mitch - Move to amend Singlehanded Conditions and remove the gender requirement for Men's Singlehanded Championship and make it the ICSA Singlehanded championship.***

***Higgins: Second***

Further discussion included individuals speaking in favor of the proposal, as well as some concerns about setting a precedent for changes so late in the season and potential implications.

***Motion passed (16 yes, 1 absent)***

## **VII. ICSA Singlehanded National Championship venue change Severn Sailing Association November 6-7. Charter boats/BYOB (Competition Committee Report)**

Brindley: ICSA is still working to bring forth a boat sponsor for the future. We were able to secure boats for charter up to 20 and BYOB otherwise. Charter: about \$600 from Zim, which will be used at Youth Champs in two weeks.

Callahan: Anything classed legal is acceptable; not Navy sails. Currently still deciding about debating providing numbers for the top of the sails, but aside from that all BYO.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of Pacific Northwest events; the drawbacks of not providing equipment with the differences in financial abilities; ICSA long-term plans to find a sponsor for sails and boats; the importance of everyone being aware of the financial implications of losing our sponsor.

October 19th - Selection Committee Release Date

## **VIII. Update on the reported Sexual Assault (Brindley)**

There was a sexual assault report made by a sailor this summer. There was lots of feedback on social media requesting for ICSA to do more. The ICSA was purposeful in its work and research into these traumatic allegations, with advising conversations with OCR, Sexual Assault in Higher Education in sports settings, Title IX and Survivor Advocacy organizations. To ensure that everyone is aware of the timeline, the allegations were brought to our attention on August 25th and since that time the primary concerns have been: 1. the health, wellbeing and safety of the survivor; 2. confirming a proper Title IX report was filed; 3. police report filing; 4. providing support and assistance to the institution's Title IX Coordinator and support for any other ongoing investigations; 5. confirming the survivor is receiving supporting services from the institution. We have been cognizant to not hinder any ongoing investigations - as even the best intentions could lead to interference. There is an impetus to do something - act, investigate, respond - but we need to recognize the timeline and understand that the survivor is in full capacity of self-determination. It is her right to tell her story and no one should compel her more than she can, wants, or is able to.

We are working to determine what can be done to make college sailors safer. We are working on an interdisciplinary group as a College Sexual Violence Task Force / Panel to:

1. Evaluate existing structure
2. Training, advocacy, etc. available on campus communities
3. Evaluate ICSA reporting mechanisms in place
4. Outline a training program we hope to implement in the Spring
  - a. Until then implement Title IX training, sexual assault training on campus, engage their entire team in some programming on campus, especially in the beginning of the year because it is important to have these discussions.

Backus: As a current AD, thinks the ICSA is off to a great start. Varsity athletes are required to have Sexual Violence education and it could be a challenge to address in club sport programs and may require reaching out to Title IX Coordinators on their own campus. This can happen to men and women. This is not just a female problem. This needs to be addressed by experts, there are high-level cases where people try to intervene but we need to rely on our experts.

Reeg: In the midwest, a group of students formed a task force with a similar purpose to compile resources on the Title IX process. There will be a speaker at the Midwest meeting in January and it is great to hear at the national level.

#### **TecScore and the ListServ**

Cole: Georgia Tech students have an opportunity for positive contribution because they have technical knowledge so if there are needs, they can step forward and provide. Reach out to Cole Woerner.

Representatives reported that the NEISA, SAISA and ICSA Listservs have been encountering issues; JAred is the best point person for fixes.

Winter Meeting: Park City: live and in-person for January 15th

#### **X. Adjournment**