

2012 NEISA Annual Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2012

1. At 9:19pm President, Ryan Mullins BC '13, called the meeting to order.
2. Commissioner O'Connor announced that a clipboard is being passed around to record attendance. President Mullins reminded everyone that matters of the Annual Meeting allow 1 Graduate and 1 Undergraduate from each team to vote on any proposed motions.
3. Additions to the Agenda
 - A. Possible change to the NEISA Championship Slate of host sites
 - i. BC requesting a change to the slate.
 - B. Brad Churchill (BU) suggests discussion about creating a High School National Championship for Women.
 - i. Mr. Churchill withdrew the motion to be discussed in another forum
 - C. Jeff Bresnahan (Conn College) would like to discuss the possibility of moving the Annual Meeting to a weekday.
 - D. John Ingalls (Salve Regina) announced that Salve Regina will have 8 new Ynglings in the fall of 2013.
 - E. Fran Charles (MIT) requests that the Commissioner follow up on the Special Meeting of the ICSA Board of Directors to discuss the sponsorship contract with Laser Performance.
4. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2012 Fall Executive Committee Meeting and accept them as having been distributed via email prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Matt Cohen (MIT). It passed unanimously.
5. **Commissioner's Report:** Mr. O'Connor stated that NEISA has 4 teams ready to move up to Provisional Membership status from Associate Membership status: Plymouth State, UMass Dartmouth, Sacred Heart and Holy Cross. Emmanuel College (Colleges of the Fenway) will be reinstated at Associate Membership status. He also urged every team in NEISA to field a Women's Team to ensure we get as many berths at Nationals as possible. He also stated that we need to clarify the NEISA penalty for a "no show" at regattas in NEISA.
6. **President's Report:** Mr. Mullins stated that there had been much discussion about umpires at the Fall Executive Committee Meeting. He suggested that we need to help our alumni get involved with judging and umpiring.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Bresnahan took us through the report of the Finance Committee.
 - A. NEISA currently has \$19,000 available.
 - B. In 2010 we lost \$3,000 in unpaid dues.
 - C. We are now finally up to speed with a regular billing cycle. Bills for previous spring and current fall seasons will be sent out on October 1 each year.
 - D. The Finance Committee will propose a budget to the Executive Committee by February 1, 2013.
 - E. He also suggested that we create a spread sheet that teams can use when selecting regattas so they will know how much they will owe at that time.

- F. We also need to submit a form to the IRS informing them of who our officers are every year. We need to keep our non-profit status.
 - G. Mr. Wilkinson pointed out that ICSA has increased the dues for Interconference Regattas to \$30.00; we are still at \$26. We should consider increasing that fee.
 - 1. Mr. O'Connor proposed to increase the fee for Interconference Regattas to \$40.00
 - i. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bresnahan; it passed with all in favor.
 - H. Mr. Reid has suggested that we switch from cash based accounting to an accrual based accounting system. This will enable us to know what we collect and spend in any given year.
8. All New England Committee Report
- A. Mr. O'Connor read a report written by the Chairman, Frank Pizzo. He suggested that the committee would appreciate input from all of NEISA in the form of nominations for the sailors of the Week. He also asked that the Annual Meeting vote to determine whether or not the All NE Committee should only consider results achieved at women's only regattas.
 - 1. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the committee has discussed this at length, and their feeling is that only women's results should be considered. This is not how the All America Committee operates.
 - 2. Fran Charles stated that we can and should do it differently than other conferences, because we have enough women's regattas for it to work properly.
 - 3. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to require that the All NE Committee only use results achieved in women's regattas in determining women's awards. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilkinson; it passed unanimously.
9. Jury Coordinator's Report: this report will be included in Matt Lindblad's presentation as Director of Special Projects.
10. Old Business
- A. Performance Ranking System (PRS) Committee Report. Mr. Swingly went over the report he provided to the Annual Meeting. The committee looked at several issues.
 - 1. Mr. Swingly stated that his committee felt that the number of coed scores counted in the PRS should be changed to count 5 scores plus the fall conference championship. They felt this would give teams more flexibility in creating their schedules, and it would make it easier for teams to give sailors weekends off.
 - a. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to change the PRS to use 5 scores plus the fall championships. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swingly
 - i. Mr. Bresnahan said that this would give teams in the 7-12 range more flexibility in their schedule.
 - ii. Mr. Lindblad expressed concerns about teams "trophy hunting". He suggested that we consider designating some weekends that could not be counted in the PRS.
 - iii. Mr. Legler commented that this committee does a fantastic job and we should take their recommendations very seriously.
 - iv. The motion came to vote; it passed.
 - b. The committee was also tasked with analyzing the values of regattas on weekend 10. He suggested the Hap Moore TR become a B-level regatta. After a very lengthy

debate Mr. Swingly suggested that this change needs further analysis and he withdrew the Hap Moore from the proposed slate of regatta values. He made a motion to accept the regatta values as listed in the document he provided, minus the Hap Moore Trophy. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connor; it passed unanimously.

- c. Mr. Swingly made a motion to remove the minimum fleet size value from C-level regattas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindblad; it passed unanimously.
- d. Mr. Swingly made a motion to adjust the scoring of the ACC/ACT as such: the first place team at the ACT will be scored 1 place after the last NEISA team in the ACC.
 - i. Mr. Bresnahan seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- e. Mr. Swingly made a motion to change the value of B-level women's regattas to those listed in his handout in order to match the coed system more closely.
 - i. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilkinson; it passed with 2 opposed.
- f. Mr. Swingly made a motion to count 5 scores in the PRS for women's teams.
 - i. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilkinson; it passed unanimously.
- g. Mr. Swingly made a motion to accept the slate of regattas to be counted as proposed in his report.
- h. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connor; it passed unanimously.
- i. In closing Mr. Swingly thanked his committee for their work: Amanda Callahan, Nick Ewenson, Bern Noack, and Frank Pizzo.

B. NEISA Competition Committee Report (Wilkinson)

1. Mr. Wilkinson suggested that we need to define the role of the NEISA Rep at regattas.
2. He made a motion to adopt ICSA PR 17c as the standard practice. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connor; it passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Wilkinson made a motion to declare that NEISA is the Organizing Authority for all in conference regattas and that the NEISA Schedule is the NOR for all in conference regattas. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connor; it passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Wilkinson made a motion declaring the following guidelines for cancellation of regattas.
 - a. Regattas may be canceled by the Schedule Coordinator or the Conference Commissioner if there are 5 teams or fewer. If the regatta still happens at that participation level, there will be no penalty for dropping late.
 - b. If a regatta is to be moved to a different site, the following criteria must be met
 - 1) The new location must be within 50 miles of the original venue.
 - 2) The regatta must be sailed on the same day(s).
 - 3) It must be in the same type of boat.
 - 4) It must have the same number of divisions, and whenever possible utilize the same number of fleets.
 - c. Mr. Wilkinson made a motion to adopt a contingency plan for selecting qualifiers when a conference championship cannot be sailed.
 - 1) For dinghy fleet race regattas (Schell, Urn, Coast Guard Bowl and Reed) the most recent PRS will determine the qualifiers.

- 2) For the Team Race Championship (Fowle Trophy) the NEISA Seeding Committee will determine the qualifiers.
 - 3) For the Singlehanded (Men's and Women's) and the Match Race Championships the NEISA Seeding Committee will determine the qualifiers by resume.
 - 4) The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connor; it passed unanimously.
- d. Mr. Wilkinson made a motion for NEISA to support the new Fall Interconference Schedule Framework being introduced to ICSA which limits Fall Weekends 1-4 to conference regattas only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bresnahan; it passed unanimously.
 - e. The Competition Committee suggests that NEISA propose to ICSA that the field of teams at Team Race Nationals be expanded to 16 teams.
 - 1) Mr. Lindblad suggested that Team Race Nationals could be moved forward so as to take place in the spring season as opposed to in the post season
 - 2) Mr. Wilkinson stated that it would make the spring season disjointed
 - 3) Mr. Leonard agreed, but added that it would give NEISA more berths.
 - 4) Wilkinson pointed out that MAISA won't be willing to alter their schedule to that extent.
 - 5) Mr. Legler said we should handle this issue one segment at a time. That way MAISA will be more likely to agree.
 - f. Matt Cohen had proposed to the Competition Committee that they consider a proposal to change the standard Collegiate N team race course to the Digital N, which is the norm in team racing outside of collegiate sailing. Mr. Wilkinson made the motion; O'Connor seconded. The motion passed.
 - g. Mr. Wilkinson stated that his committee would like to find a way to increase the number of team racing berths available to NEISA teams.
 - 1) We also need to make sure that we take into account host berths at team race regattas.
 - 2) Mr. Assad suggested that if we are going to increase the number of events and berths at team race regattas in the early spring, we need to consult with MAISA throughout the process.
- C. Special Projects Report (Matt Lindblad)
1. New Website
 - a. Mr. Lindblad talked about the results of an exploratory survey he conducted
 - b. He suggested that NEISA needs to consider what the next steps are in the process. In so doing we need to be wary of the cost.
 - c. Mr. O'Connor suggested that teams discuss the website process with their own administrations (Sports Information or Communications Departments) to see what our options are.
 2. Jury Coordinator Report
 - a. Mr. Lindblad stated that when we switched Jury Coordinators from Peter Johns to Kerry Sullivan, we did not support Kerry enough. The job description was not clearly defined.

- 1) He also stated that Jeff Dusek will be working with Kerry to help ease the burden on her.
 - b. He also suggested that the audience needs to think about ways to encourage our alumni to get involved with umpiring and we need to provide incentive for them to attend regattas.
 - 1) He suggested that encouraging umpires to perform debriefs after each day's racing would be helpful to sailors and umpires alike. There was some opposition in the room to bringing back debriefs.
 - 2) Mr. Lindblad suggested that our Finance Committee should consider the feasibility of paying umpires at team and match race regattas.
 - 3) Amanda Callahan volunteered to research the cost of paying umpires.
 - 4) Mr. O'Connor felt that NEISA is not ready to pay umpires yet, but that we should strive to find a way to do so.
 - 5) Mr. Reid pointed out that NEISA is not in a position to do so now. Changes have to be made to bring in money to finance this concept.
- D. Schedule Changes (Justin Assad) (1 vote per school/team)
1. Mr. Assad made a motion to remove the Victorian Urn from the Interconference Schedule so as to match with the Schell. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connor.
 - a. Mr. O'Connor pointed out that we should consider the affect this would have on other conferences. It could reduce the quality of the competition, but it would get more NEISA teams into the regatta.
 - b. Mr. Wilkinson said we really only need to consider Charleston and Navy.
 - c. The motion was brought to a vote. The result was 6 in favor and 6 opposed. The motion failed.
 2. Mr. Assad made a motion to move the Hewitt Trophy from Bowdoin to Dartmouth to meet the increased demand for berths in that regatta. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
 3. He then moved to add a women's invitational on fall weekend 5 at Bowdoin. The motion was seconded and passed.
 4. Mr. Assad made a motion to reduce the number of berths at the Yale and Dartmouth regattas to reflect their new smaller fleets.
 - a. Harry Anderson and Capt. Hurst Trophies will subtract 2 NEISA berths to make 18.
 - b. Mrs. Hurst and Yale Women's will subtract 6 NEISA berths to make 18.
 - c. Mr. Legler suggested that take berths away from conferences that never use them so as to create more berths for NEISA teams.
 - d. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilkinson. It was brought to a vote; it passed.
 5. Mr. Assad made a motion to propose the following changes of regatta weekends to ICSA.
 - a. Swap BDCCC from spring weekend 8 to weekend 10, and vice versa with the Friis/Marchiando.
 - b. Swap the Duplin from spring weekend 8 to weekend 10, and vice versa with the President's Trophy.

- c. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilkinson. It passed.
- d. Mr. Assad suggested that we consider adding a singlehanded Tech division to the BDCCC.
 - 1) He then took a straw poll to see if NEISA is in favor of this change. None were opposed.
 - 2) Mr. Assad made a motion to have Connecticut College host the 2013 ACT. Mr. Bresnahan seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
 - 3) Mr. Assad made a motion to change the berth allocation for the ACT to include the next 6 teams from the Schell plus the host. Mr. Bresnahan seconded the motion; it passed.
 - 4) Mr. Assad made a motion to accept the following bids to host
 - i. Conn College to host 2013 ACT
 - ii. Yale and Coast Guard to host the 2016 ICSA Semifinals
 - iii. Mr. Wilkinson seconded the motion. It passed with 1 opposed.
 - 5) Mr. Wilkinson made a motion to move the 2013 Women's Singlehanded Championship from fall weekend 5 to weekend 3 in order to allow the defending champion a chance to sail in Radial Worlds.
 - i) Mr. Leonard said Yale could host it on weekend 5
 - ii) Mr. Swingly said that we shouldn't rearrange the schedule to accommodate 1 person.
 - iii) Mr. Mollicone said that there is a precedent for this and Wilkinson agreed.
 - iv) Mr. Churchill noted that college sailing gets criticized for not developing Olympic Sailors and we should consider that
 - v) Mr. Charles suggested that we could give one NEISA berth at Nationals to the top NEISA finisher at Radial Worlds
 - vi) Ms. Weidenbacker suggested that we could allot a berth by resume.
 - vii) After some more discussion Mr. O'Connor called the question, and Mr. Lindblad seconded. The motion was brought to a vote. It failed; 6 in favor and 7 opposed.

11. New Business

A. Membership update

- 1. Colby College to be moved from Provisional Member to Regular Member
 - a. Mr. Pizzo indicated that Colby is not ready for this move.
- 2. Mr. O'Connor made a motion that Plymouth State, UMass Dartmouth, Sacred Heart and Holy Cross be moved from Associate Membership Status to Provisional Status.
 - a. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindblad. It passed unanimously.
- 3. O'Connor made a motion for Emmanuel College to be reinstated as an Associate Member. It was seconded by Lindblad. It passed.

B. Mr. Assad made a motion to increase the stipend for the Schedule Coordinator.

1. After a brief discussion the consensus was the he deserves it , but NEISA can't afford to spend more at this time. There was no second.
- C. Mr. Assad's proposal to invoke a qualification system for all interconference regattas was tabled to a future meeting, because time was short.
- D. Mr. Dusek made a pitch to NEISA to promote the F-18 Class amongst our sailors.
- E. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to propose to ICSA that the Conditions for the Team Race National Championship be altered to allow for more than three teams from a conference to qualify for the Championship. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pizzo. It passed.
- F. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to propose that ICSA alter the Procedural Rules to allow for transportation of the National Championship Trophies to the site of the various Championships every year. The motion was seconded; it passed.
- G. Mr. Mollicone made a motion to hold the NEISA Annual Meeting and the Scheduling Meeting on Fridays henceforth. It was seconded by Mr. O'Connor.
 1. Ms. Weidenbacker stated that this would eliminate student run team and teams with volunteer coaches from participating. The motion failed; 10 in favor and 17 opposed.
- H. NEISA Annual Awards
 1. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to award the NEISA Honor Roll to all the NEISA alumni who represented the USA in the 2012 Olympic Games in London. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindblad; it passed unanimously.
 2. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to award the MacArthur Service Award to Brad Churchill for all his work on behalf of BU and NEISA over the last 25 years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mollicone; it passed.
- I. NEISA Executive Committee Elections
 1. All graduate members of the committee have agreed to stay on
 2. The undergraduate positions all received nominations and supporting statements. Elections for the open positions were held and slate was proposed for approval.
 3. Mr. O'Connor proposed the following slate for the 2013 NEISA Executive Committee
 - a. Commissioner – Mike O'Connor (Harvard)
 - b. President – Alex Rudkin '14 RWU
 - c. Vice President – Evan Woodford '14 BC
 - d. Secretary – Ian Storck '15 Dartmouth
 - e. Treasurer- Jeff Bresnahan (Connecticut College)
 - f. Schedule Coordinator – Justin Assad (Dartmouth)
 - g. Northern Regional Director – Frank Pizzo (Bowdoin)
 - h. Central Regional Director – Greg Wilkinson (BC)
 - i. Southern Regional Director – John Mollicone (Brown)
 - j. Director of Boats and Safety – Brian Swingly (CGA)
 - k. Director of Special Projects – Matt Lindblad (MIT)
 - l. Northern Regional Representative – Matt Burgess (MMA)
 - m. Central Regional Representative – Jake Bradt (Harvard)
 - n. Southern Regional Representative – Max Caballero (CGA)
 - o. At Large Representative - Alex Giordano (Conn College)

p. At Large Representative – Vicky Zeamer (Wellesley)

J. Adjournment